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INTRODUCTION

THE official correspondence of the secretary to the admiralty during Pepys's tenure of that office is preserved in the Pepysian Library in fourteen volumes, entitled *S. P.'s Letters, Admiralty.* The series opens with vol. ii. and ends with vol. xv., but it is complete in itself, beginning with 19 June, 1673, the day on which Pepys took over the duties of his office, to which he had been called from the navy board on the Duke of York's resignation under the Test Act.[1] The contents of vol. i., which does not appear to have been included in the series marked 'Admiralty,' are at present only a matter of conjecture; it is not in the Pepysian Library. These fourteen volumes constitute the letter-book of Pepys's office, and are the seventeenth-century equivalent of a modern letter-copying book. They appear to include all the letters written by Pepys himself on matters relating to the business of his department, and at first some of the orders and warrants signed by the members of the admiralty commission are included also, but these disappear after the end of vol. ii., presumably because they came to be entered in a separate book.

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[1] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 39–40.

The letters calendared below are those included in vols. ii. and iii. of the manuscript series, which cover the ground from 19 June, 1673, to 31 December, 1674. A large number of them, as would naturally be the case, refer only to matters of routine, such as arrangements for convoy and orders directing the movements of the ships in commission, but many are of interest and a few of considerable importance; while the letter-book taken as a whole throws a good deal of light on the way in which the navy was administered during the period, and on the kind of business transacted in the office of the secretary to the admiralty. The letters are usually entered in the manuscript volumes by the clerks in order of date, as they were sent out, but where this is not the case they have been rearranged in the printed calendar. In a few instances they are printed in full; in others extracts have been given; but, as a rule, it has been found possible to give the sense of the letters in a condensed form. This condensation aims only at getting rid of the inevitable verbiage of correspondence, and the Editor ventures to claim that nothing of any conceivable value to the student has been omitted. The language of the original has been closely followed in all cases, and, with a few unimportant exceptions, all proper names have been included. An index of persons, places, and ships will be given at the end of each volume; while an attempt has been made to minimise the disadvantage of the absence for the time being of an index of subjects, by the use of cross-references in the text of the letters themselves.

The importance of the Pepysian papers as a whole, has been fully discussed in the General Introduction.[1] The letters printed below furnish additional evidence in support of the conclusions there suggested, and it has been thought convenient to adopt somewhat the same arrangement in dealing with them. The points of interest in the present volume are therefore indicated under the following heads: (1) Administration; (2) Finance; (3) Men; (4) Pay; (5) Victuals; (6) Discipline; (7) Ships; and (8) Miscellaneous.

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[1] Vol. i. *supra.*

1. *Administration*[1]

The sittings of the new admiralty commission[2] were opened 19 July, 1673, and their public meetings were fixed for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Council Chamber, at 8 o'clock in the morning.[3] During the first six months the most regular attendant was the Earl of Anglesey, who was present at 73 meetings. Next to him came Sir George Carteret with 59 attendances, the Duke of Ormonde with 48, the Earl of Arlington with 42, and Henry Coventry with 40. Edward Seymour attended 30 times, but the other members of the commission took only a nominal part in its proceedings. Shaftesbury and Latimer[4] appear to have attended ten times, Prince Rupert seven times, and the Duke of Monmouth only thrice. The office of the admiralty was at first at Whitehall, but towards the close of the year 1673 a new office was being furnished at Derby House,[5] and the first letter written from thence was dated 3 January, 1673-4.[6]

The numerous orders and warrants from the lords of the admiralty included in the first six months of the calendar, show that the new commission exhibited from the beginning of its existence a considerable degree of administrative energy. For instance, an order of 3 September, 1673,[7] required, among other things, that a register of discharged seamen should be made by the officer presiding at the pay-table, who should take notice in writing of the abode of each man, 'for the more ready recovering of the said seamen when his Majesty shall next call for their service.' On 6 September[1] it was ordered that for security against fraud in the passing of tickets, the muster-masters and clerks of the check should send duplicates of their books to the treasurer of the navy—a duty hitherto 'wholly omitted' by them; and another order of 15 September[2] established a better supervision over the clerks of the control and the master shipwrights in the yards, with periodical reports to the admiralty from the navy board. On 20 September[3] an order was issued to the commissioners for the sick and wounded[4] requiring them 'to establish effectual methods to their officers in the several districts and hospitals,' and 'by virtue thereof' to make a weekly return to the lords of 'the state of their whole action,' digested under certain specified heads 'for their readier view and information.' Moreover, in order to put a stop to the abuse by which sick seamen who had been put ashore were borne and paid for on shipboard also at the same time, a special official was appointed to arrange and digest the accounts of the commissioners for the sick and wounded into such order, 'either by an alphabet or otherwise,' as to enable the navy board to check the ships' books by them before proceeding to pay off. The lords also required that the navy board should see that the admiral's instructions had been duly observed before officers received their pay,[5] and should report their neglects;[6] and they called for a report on the conduct of the muster-masters of the fleet during the summer's service, with a view to the promotion of the prompt and efficient.[7] Such facts as these all point to the introduction of a bracing and beneficent influence into naval affairs.

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[1] See also *supra*, vol. i. pp. 36-57.

[2] See *supra*, vol. i. p. 38.

[3] No. 58.

[4] See note to No. 310.

[5] No. 957; see also No. 1558.

[6] No. 1012.

[7] No. 255.

When the office of lord high admiral was placed in commission in July 1673, a great part of the functions of the office was retained in the hands of the king,[1] and in particular the administration of patronage was so retained. In a letter of 26 March, 1673–4,[2] Pepys informs his correspondent that the disposal of employments is wholly his Majesty's, his own share in the business being 'only to present to him the certificates by which persons recommended for employments are to have their different qualifications and merits made known to him.' In a later letter of 26 September[3] he calls himself the 'king's remembrancer,' and claims to have discharged this important office 'no less in behalf of the absent than those that are daily soliciting, as you will find by the majority of those whom his Majesty hath been pleased of late to bestow employments upon, showing that not the importunity of those who daily solicit him, but his regard to the qualifications of the persons, upon the view of the list of pretenders by me shown him upon occasion of every vacancy, hath governed him in his choice.' It is, of course, quite possible that Charles II. allowed himself to be largely guided by his expert adviser, and in any case the office of 'king's remembrancer' in these matters must have been an influential one; but the evidence all goes to show that the details of patronage actually came before the king, and that he had the fullest opportunity of making himself felt. Indeed, it would be somewhat gratuitous to suppose that because Charles II. loved sauntering, the frequent intrusion of his keen intelligence upon the routine of the navy would be entirely without result.[4] The king appointed all commanders and commissioned officers as a matter of course, although in one or two cases[5] a commander was allowed to nominate his own lieutenant, receiving either a blank commission beforehand or the king's approval afterwards. But the king's personal control was not limited to officers holding by commission. Pepys undertakes to recommend a particular person as purser of the Adventure, but he can do no more than 'move his Majesty' in that behalf.[1] The nomination of a boatswain and a carpenter for the Europa hulk at Tangier was left to the navy board,[2] but the approval of the king was asked for at the final stage of the proceedings.[3] The king's warrant was required for a carpenter for the Emsworth sloop,[4] and for the galley at Leghorn;[5] and he signed the warrant for the 'dismission' of the inefficient boatswain of the Oxford and for appointing another in his room.[6] In May 1674 he was 'moved' for the appointment of another cook to the Norwich.[7] In other business also the personal note is now and again clearly in evidence.[8]

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[1] No. 267.
[2] No. 318.
[3] No. 341.
[4] See *supra*, vol. i. p. 133.
[5] Nos. 255, 413.
[6] No. 557.
[7] No. 843.

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[1] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 38–9.
[2] No. 1401.
[3] No. 1778.
[4] See *supra*, vol. i. p. 246 *nn*.
[5] Nos. 814, 1037, 1070, 1082, 1085, 1180, 1203.

James, Duke of York, also, though expelled from office by the Test Act, remained from the first an important influence behind the throne. On 9 August, 1673,[9] not two months after his resignation, and again on 23 August,[10] Pepys describes the king as acting in particular matters upon the duke's advice. On 24 October[11] he instructs the navy board to report on 'a proposal of his Royal Highness's for bringing into some better order the great number of tenders which, to the extraordinary increase of charge, the fleet have of late been accompanied with.' The duke's recommendation of a master for the Castle frigate[12] is not necessarily important in this connexion, as she was not a king's ship; but he evidently has something to say about the appointment of Captain Waltham to the command of the Deptford ketch;[13] and when the office of clerk of the passage at Dover is on the eve of becoming vacant, Pepys writes to Sir John Werden, the duke's secretary, 'to move his Royal Highness to prevail on the king' to bestow it on a person in whom he was interested.[1] On 29 September, 1674,[2] when he was on the eve of sailing for the Mediterranean, Sir John Narbrough was summoned to confer with 'his Majesty and Royal Highness' at Newmarket; and Pepys himself, repairing to Windsor on 23 June [3] to refer some admiralty question to the king, and finding him gone 'somewhere for his pleasure,' discusses not only that but another pending naval question also with the duke, and quotes his opinion to his correspondents. On 3 October, 1674,[4] Pepys sends him, through Sir John Werden, 'the fresh estate of our sea matters.' If it is borne in mind that these allusions to the figure of the displaced duke as still in the background of naval affairs are not deliberate, but casual and accidental only, they afford a strong presumption that the king still consulted his brother although he was no longer in office. Moreover, the duke was an expert whose opinion was well worth having, so it would be entirely natural that his influence in the navy should thus in a manner survive the measures that had been taken to destroy it.[5]

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[1] No. 1169.

[2] The appointment of the boatswains of hulks seems to have been regarded as in a special manner the concern of the navy board. See Nos. 830, 870, 916, 1166. The masters of the king's ships also received their warrants from the navy board (No. 963).

[3] Nos. 1230, 1432. [4] No. 1555. [5] No. 1593. [6] No. 1432.

[7] No. 1497. [8] See Nos. 1368, 1425, 1582, 1825, 1835. [9] No. 129.

[10] No. 204: see also No. 421. [11] No. 561. [12] No. 1576.

[13] No. 1919.

The letters calendared in this volume contain numerous allusions to the current events of the period which they cover. A statement made by Pepys ten days after the action of 11 August, 1673, recalls the earlier condition of things when the Dutch came up the Medway,[6] for he is troubled to find that De Ruyter, who, as he hears, 'hath not full 600 men,' 'should have 200 of them made up of our countrymen and Scotch.' [7] In the same letter he regrets that the late engagement had been attended with 'disagreements among ourselves, and between us and our friends the French.' Subsequent letters describe the steps to be taken for refitting the fleet,[1] and for discharging the vessels collected for the transport of the projected land expedition, which was now abandoned.[2]

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[1] No. 1814. [2] No. 1794. [3] Nos. 1582, 1584.
[4] No. 1815. See also No. 1457.
[5] On the increased importance of the duke in the affairs of the navy between 1677 and 1679, see *supra*, vol. i. p. 39, *n*. 3.
[6] See *supra*, vol. i. p. 122. [7] No. 194.

One result of the war with Holland was an increased interference with trade by means of privateering.[3] The western coast was 'much infested,'[4] and the same story came from the north, where forty or fifty sail of colliers coming out without convoy were chased on shore.[5] On 20 August, 1673,[6] the lords applied to Prince Rupert for five or six of the smallest and best-sailing frigates out of the fleet to secure the rich East India ships on their way from Kinsale, and the Virginia fleet 'daily expected,' and to provide 'timely convoy' for the Yarmouth fishery. At the beginning of December[7] reports were received of capers upon the coast of Portugal, threatening the Mediterranean trade. Relations with Spain gave the English government some anxiety,[8] as also the reported force of the Dutch upon the Spanish and Portuguese coasts.[9] In January 1673-4 it was found necessary to strengthen the force employed in convoying the London coal trade,[10] and after the peace with the Dutch there was still trouble with the French and Ostenders.[11] As late as July 1674 convoys were being employed to secure the merchants from the 'insolencies of the privateers.'[12]

The existence of war conditions during 1673 made it necessary for the government to establish a systematic organisation for the convoy of the Mediterranean trade, and the official programme for the autumn of that year is to be found in an order from the lords of the admiralty to the navy board, dated 8 October.[13] But the delays of the merchants on the one hand[14] and of the navy on the other[15] interfered to prevent the smooth working of these arrangements, and the convoys were very much behind time. Thus, on 11 December, 1673,[1] Pepys complains of the 'intolerable backwardness' of the Tangier victualling ships; and as late as 5 February they had not been despatched, so that it was feared that the garrison would be in distress for want of victuals.[2] According to the programme, Captain Rooth's ships which were to convoy them should have been ready at the buoy of the Nore on 25 October, 1673;[3] as a matter of fact it was not until 14 February, 1673–4, that Pepys was able to congratulate the governor on the fact that they are at length sailed from Plymouth.[4] In spite of these drawbacks, the anxiety of the government to assist the merchants is very much in evidence in the correspondence, 'there being nothing,' as Pepys put it, which the king and the lords of the admiralty 'study more than that those ships of the king's which are abroad may in their service be found as beneficial to trade as they may: nor is there anything that I shall in my little sphere be more solicitous of improving.'[5]

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[1] Nos. 209, 264, 310.

[2] Nos. 200, 310.

[3] Nos. 113, 120, 121, 154.

[4] No. 120.

[5] Nos. 186, 194.

[6] No. 186.

[7] No. 804.

[8] Nos. 391, 927, 958, 1952.

[9] Nos. 1019, 1052, 1069.

[10] No. 1127.

[11] Nos. 1632, 1694, 1696, 1706, 1724.

[12] Nos. 1639, 1661, 1664.

[13] No. 450.

[14] No. 850.

[15] No. 723.

The first reference in the letters to the conclusion of the war with Holland is dated 10 February, 1673–4.[6] Peace was actually declared on 28 February, and it was provided that hostilities should cease within twelve days in the Channel,[7] although they continued between the Soundings and Tangier until 7 April.[8] The government was anxious to utilise the interval for the capture of prizes;[9] and as it was not to be supposed that the Dutch would be any less alive to their opportunities, the merchants were apprehensive lest their ships expected from the plantations should be 'snapt' before they got into the Soundings.[10] The danger was only to ships homeward bound, as by agreement with the Prince of

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[1] No. 856. [2] No. 1192. [3] No. 450. [4] No. 1250.
[5] No. 1632: see also Nos. 735, 741, 1734. [6] No. 1219.
[7] No. 1320. [8] No. 1371. [9] Nos. 1227, 1233, 1258.
[10] Nos. 1328, 1371.

Orange, merchant ships bound out after the proclamation of peace were to carry passes for their protection from the privateers.[1] It was provided by the treaty that English subjects should be withdrawn from Surinam,[2] and the correspondence contains references to the arrangements made by the naval authorities for removing them.[3]

Among the letters calendared in this volume are some of considerable interest relating to affairs in the Mediterranean. It was a principle of English policy there that English ships of war should make impressive appearances before the African ports as often as might be,[4] and in August 1674 the Bristol and the Drake were assigned to ply before Sallee;[5] while about the same time Pepys applied for authority for Captain Herbert, then commander-in-chief in the Straits, to confirm the late articles of peace with Tripoli,[6] a step rendered necessary by the death of the governor. The most important part of the correspondence, however, is a series of letters[7] referring to the origin of Sir John Narbrough's expedition of 1674 to the Mediterranean. These prove that in its intention it was pacific, and only assumed a punitive character in consequence of acts of aggression against English commerce.

2. *Finance*[8]

Almost from the time of its appointment, the admiralty commission of 1673 found itself short of money. In a letter of 13 August[9] the lords refer to the 'fresh instances' which they 'almost daily receive' of 'what his Majesty suffers in the delays (and in some cases total stop) of his works through the want of money.' The navy board had demanded a sum of 27,743*l.* to furnish materials for refitting the fleet after an engagement, and it was certain that further sums would be needed to provide for the sick and wounded, on whose account very large arrears had been incurred already. John Evelyn, who was one of the commissioners for the care of them, confessed to arrears of 'near 15,000*l.*' in his single district of Kent, and it was there that 'the greatest part of that fresh charge which is to be looked for at the coming in of the fleet is likely to fall.' It was these considerations which led the lords to become 'importunate' with the lord treasurer that some immediate provision might be made 'for answering both those occasions,' as 'that without which we have no ground of expecting his Majesty's service can be supported by us as it ought to be, and as his Majesty seems to expect, in either.'

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[1] Nos. 1371, 1471, 1472, 1513.

[2] No. 1910.

[3] Nos. 1923, 1953, 1982, 2027.

[4] No. 1872.

[5] No. 1722. See also Nos. 1692, 1720, 1736*a*, 1771, 2042.

[6] Nos. 1680, 1722.

[7] Nos. 1766, 1786, 1788, 1834, 1871, 1874, 1890, 1967.

[8] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 105–111.

[9] No. 159. See also No. 114.

From this time forward allusions to the shortness of money are frequent.[1] On 22 November, 1673,[2] in a letter to the navy board, Pepys refers to the inability of the victuallers to answer their late warrants without a supply of money, 'a matter which, if not instantly remedied, will turn extraordinary to the disservice of his Majesty, by causing a stop to the going forth of those ships to the Straits and elsewhere, which have already met with too many delays.' On 8 December[3] the lords of the admiralty wrote to the lord treasurer to call attention to the demands of the navy board for money in cases 'not only at present very urgent, but greatly importing to his Majesty's future service,'—namely, enabling the board to contract for the building of twelve fireships; the payment of arrears to the workmen of the yards; and 'satisfying the pursers[4] of the fleet now going to the Straits what the late victuallers refuse to make good to them for their beverage and necessary money.'[5] Some of the letters suggestively illustrate the costliness of poverty to the seventeenth-century navy.

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[1] Nos. 244, 294, 313, 662, 911, 1080, 1081, 1118, 1125, 1255, 1349, 1369.

[2] No. 723.

[3] No. 813.

[4] See Nos. 847, 849.

[5] See vol. i. pp. 161, 168 *supra.*

Through the want of money to pay them off, ships remained in harbour undischarged in full victuals and wages;[1] and the governing consideration in the distribution of ships among the yards for repair was the necessity of providing more work for the men in the yard at Portsmouth, because it was not possible to dismiss them unpaid.[2]

Fortunately the close of the war brought opportunities of retrenchment,[3] and the number of persons employed, both at sea and in the yards,[4] was reduced, although the difficulties in the way of paying the workmen in cash made it necessary for steps to be considered for protecting them from the arrest by their creditors, to which they were liable as soon as they passed out of the king's service.[5] Nevertheless, on 17 March, 1673–4,[6] Pepys was able to write with an access of cheerfulness concerning the king's intentions, 'I find him so full of the thoughts he is now under of stopping of all things that look like occasions of laying out money, that I perceive he is more thoughtful of getting out of debt for what is past (wherein God bless his endeavours) than willing to entertain any proposition that may tend to the increasing of it'; and a month later—on 14 April [7]—he was able to report progress in reducing the 'growing charge' of the navy, 'in which, blessed be God, a good step hath been in a little time made by the paying off of so many ships.'

By the middle of the year [8] ordinary expenditure on the navy was once more being calculated at the 200,000*l.* a year to which it had been limited by the Order in Council of 16 March, 1668–9,[9] and although we know from a memorandum of 25 May, 1674,[10] that the victualling account was more than 30,000*l.* in arrears at that date, arrangements had been made for paying off the debt before the end of the year by monthly instalments.

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[1] No. 911.

[2] No. 310.

[3] Nos. 1264, 1315, 1349, 1438, 1447, 1457, 1462.

[4] Nos. 1315, 1608.

[5] Nos. 1598, 1608.

[6] No. 1377.

[7] No. 1457.

[8] 18 July: No. 1618. See also No. 1864.

[9] *Supra*, vol. i. pp. 104–5.

[10] No. 1617.

3. *Men*[1]

As long as the war with Holland lasted there were constant complaints of the want of men.[2] At the fleet, in particular, as Pepys wrote on 3 July, 1673, 'his Majesty's occasions call greatly for the utmost supplies of men that can be had,'[3] although in a letter to one of the commanders[4] he stated it to be the opinion of the lords of the admiralty that 'were captains as careful as they ought in keeping their men, and using them well when they have them,' the service would not suffer so much by letting so many run away upon every ship's coming into port. There was also a great deficiency of ship carpenters and caulkers in the yards.[5]

Various measures were adopted to remedy this condition of things. By an Order in Council dated 19 November, 1673,[6] an embargo was laid upon all ships going to the Canaries, Barbados, or 'the western islands and plantations.' Men paid off from ships coming in were invited to ships going out,[7] and eventually it was provided on 24 December,[8] that the men lately ordered to be paid off should not be paid on board their own ships or at the office on shore, but only on the ships going out, 'that so their service for the present expedition may be secured.' An attempt had also been made at the beginning of 1673 to encourage seamen to volunteer by promising that at the end of the voyage those who did so should not be turned over to outward-bound ships.[9] But by far the most convenient machinery for supplying the deficiency was by the use of the press. Not only were press-warrants issued in great numbers to individual commanders to enable them to make up their own complements,[1] but various officials, such as the vice-admirals of maritime counties,[2] the Rulers of Watermen's Hall,[3] the bargemen on the Thames about Windsor, Henley, and Reading,[4] and the Governor of Dover Castle,[5] were entrusted with the duty of collecting and sending pressed men to the fleet. Captain Grant, commander of the Reserve, was sent on a special mission to Bristol to press men,[6] where he was baffled by some ingenious persons who endeavoured 'to preserve themselves from the press by pretence of being masters of ships while they indeed are not so';[7] and in January 1673–4 it was proposed by the navy board that agents should be employed at the ports 'for the impresting and collecting of men to be sent to the fleet when occasion requires,' in place of taking up vessels on purpose to enable commanders to press, which involved an 'extravagant charge.'[8] At the end of 1673 and the beginning of 1673–4 the needs of Chatham Yard were met by the press, and warrants were issued for the pressing of twenty carvers[9] and a number of caulkers and shipwrights.[10] When in August 1673[11] there was a difficulty in procuring pilots, the course was taken of requiring the Mayor of Harwich 'immediately to procure' two or three 'by impresting or otherwise,' or the Mayor of Southwold if Harwich could not furnish a supply.

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[1] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 122–39.

[2] Nos. 21, 31, 456, 975, 1042, 1069, 1075, 1126, 1206, 1267.

[3] No. 31.

[4] No. 479. See also No. 729.

[5] No. 552. See also No. 932.

[6] Nos. 711, 712.

[7] No. 647.

[8] No. 975. See also Nos. 977, 978, 1011, 1023.

[9] No. 255. See also No. 987.

The powers conferred by a press-warrant were of the most ample kind. By an explanatory order of the lords, dated 25 November, 1673,[12] it was laid down that 'officers employed for the impresting of seamen' were not restrained from pressing in any place 'where persons fit for the service of his Majesty are to be found'; but as a matter of fact a good deal of respect was paid in practice, at once to the feeling of the merchants, to the public opinion of the districts concerned, and to complaints in Parliament. On 19 September, 1673,[1] in enclosing a press-warrant, Pepys warned his correspondent that he must not be found 'unnecessarily spending of time in the impresting of men to the offence of the country.' On 6 January, 1673–4, an application from Sir William Jennens for a man out of every merchant ship in the Downs was refused—presumably as an interference with the navigation of outward-bound ships—it being 'what hath at no time been done, and the consequence of it may be ill'; he was therefore to 'rest upon what he may obtain by courtesy and argument,' and not to 'attempt anything by violence.'[2] Finally, the proceedings of Colonel Strode, the governor of Dover Castle, illustrate the influential position of Parliament in the period which followed the Restoration, and the irresistible pressure which it could bring to bear, even upon the details of administration, whenever it chose to interfere. Strode received in due course his warrant for pressing men, but 'upon some late dissatisfaction,' writes Pepys to Captain Rooth on 27 January, 1673–4,[3] 'which the Parliament hath expressed touching our method of pressing of men,' he declares 'that he will not proceed at all to the execution of the warrant till the business be settled in Parliament, as being unwilling to expose himself to any censure for his acting therein, which caution (to tell you the truth) prevails now with others as well as him, so that I must advise you and the commanders with you to take the best care you can in keeping and well using the men you have, for I dare not undertake in what time the business will be so settled as to leave it safe for us to go on with the pressing of men.'

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[1] Nos. 340, 765, 858, 934, 977, 1126, 1206.
[2] Nos. 31, 1307.
[3] Nos. 29, 30, 69.
[4] No. 38.
[5] No. 1075.
[6] *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, pp. 240, 262, 281, 298, and Nos. 17 and 98 *infra*.
[7] No. 17.
[8] No. 1023.
[9] No. 944.
[10] No. 1023: see also No. 469.
[11] No. 205.
[12] No. 733.

The operation of the press must have been somewhat ameliorated in particular cases by the system of protections, and to this a great number of references occur in the letters calendared below. Persons in the king's service were of course exempt. A baker in the king's service was discharged, who was also 'a Dutchman born and no seaman';[1] as also protected persons pressed out of a Guildford barge when coming thence with timber for the use of Deptford Yard.[2] Pressing men out of vessels belonging to the victuallers was forbidden;[3] and a commander was called to account for pressing the watermen belonging to the clerk of the check at Gravesend.[4] Other protections granted before pressing or discharges allowed after it, were: to the four remaining members of the barge crew of the Archbishop of Canterbury;[5] the crew of a small vessel employed to bring stone from Portland for the public buildings of London;[6] a Spaniard;[7] a number of Swedes;[8] the son of a 'considerable merchant' at Dartmouth;[9] one of the crew of the Bahama Merchant, then at Plymouth, on the ground that she was 'a ship of value, and not yet come to her port of unlading';[10] five men belonging to the ferryboat of Grays;[11] men attached to the service of the packet-boats at Harwich,[12] and a man employed at Deal for collecting the duties for the lighthouse.[13] On a complaint from the Lord Mayor of a violation of the king's protection to a ship employed on the work of the City of London, a special inquiry was instituted, the disorder 'being that which his Majesty resolves in no wise to let pass without some mark of his displeasure against it.'[14] An anchorsmith impressed on board the Phœnix was discharged on the ground that anchorsmiths were greatly needed—presumably in the yards.[15] A porter carried off by the press was liberated on the adequate ground that he was 'aged and sickly and no seaman';[16]

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[1] No. 340.

[2] Nos. 1027, 1053.

[3] No. 1156. See also Nos. 1214, 1686.

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[1] No. 13.
[2] No. 14.
[3] Nos. 65, 256.
[4] No. 53.
[5] No. 79.
[6] No. 375.
[7] No. 437.
[8] No. 1117.
[9] No. 829.
[10] No. 893.
[11] No. 1014.
[12] Nos. 358, 379.
[13] No. 1170.
[14] No. 1265.
[15] No. 914.
[16] No. 15.

but, generally speaking, the complaints of the pressing of unfit men, which had been so serious at the time of the second Dutch war,[1] were much less numerous in the period under review.[2] To prevent misunderstandings, protections appear to have been given wholesale to the crews of merchant ships actually engaged in outward-bound trade.[3] The violation of protections was promptly punished by the lords,[4] and there are at least two cases in which the use of violence led to the offender being summoned to make answer for his conduct.[5]

In spite of all limitations and exemptions, the use of the press was naturally most unpopular. When in January 1673–4 Pepys wished to ascertain the numbers of men on board the merchant ships collected for convoy in the Downs, he thought it expedient to disguise his inquiry by asking also for the number of guns they carried and the port to which each was bound;[6] and the naval administration of the time had to provide soldiers to repress the frequent disorders between the press masters and the seamen, who assembled themselves 'mutinously in bodies from day to day, not only to the interrupting but assaulting and wounding the said press masters in the execution of their duties.'[7] With the peace with Holland, however, these troubles came speedily to an end. Even before its actual publication, protections were granted to the men employed in the fitting forth of ships, 'that the merchant may not be disturbed in his preparations,'[8] and as soon as the war ended all press-warrants were refused by the king.[9]

Among minor points connected with pressing it should be noticed that an application to the king and lords for a warrant to impress men for the ballast work at Plymouth was commented on by Pepys as a novelty, 'forasmuch as with money they seem to need no presting, and without it I doubt what the consequence of this practice may be, I not remembering that ballast men have been at any time impressed as seamen are.'[1] It should also be observed that on the occasions when men were to be pressed within the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, an order was first obtained from the king as lord warden.[2]

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[1] *Supra*, vol. i. pp. 121–2.

[2] The only references to this of any importance are in Nos. 38 and 81.

[3] No. 1088.

[4] Nos. 358, 390, 556, 575, 672, 1098, 1144, 1159.

[5] Nos. 1100, 1214.

[6] Nos. 1012, 1019, 1037.

[7] Nos. 1021, 1076.

[8] No. 1272.

[9] No. 1884. See also Nos. 1273, 1471, 1664, 1792.

Several of the letters calendared below refer to the arrangements made for sick and wounded seamen during the war.[3] In consequence of 'the ill condition in which seamen are through wounds or sickness frequently sent on shore by their want of clothes,' an order of 21 July, 1673,[4] authorised commanders and pursers to supply seamen thus set ashore with clothes up to the value of one month's pay. At the same time it was provided that the sick should not be put ashore above Gravesend, but that the wounded should be carried up to the hospitals in London. But owing to the failure to pay them their arrears, the poor people upon whom the sick were quartered at Deal were unwilling to take any more, and this gave rise in January 1673-4 to a characteristic correspondence[5] between Pepys and his brother-in-law, Balthazar St. Michel, the muster-master there, who had undertaken duties in connexion with the sick against the advice of his wiser relative. The sympathies of Pepys himself appear to have been on the side of the householders, and he expressed a strong opinion against the use towards them of any violence, severity, or threats.

As regards employment on board ship, it appears to have been the king's practice to appoint to vacancies those who had been already employed, where they were fit for it,[1] and there are several instances of men who had lost a limb in the service being entered, on that ground, to serve on board the king's ships.[2] A novel reason was given for the appointment of a chaplain to the French Ruby—that it was 'for the satisfaction of the seamen, who neglect their duty . . . under pretence of going to divine service ashore for the want of a chaplain on board.'[3] Justice should also be done to the capacity for facing unpleasant facts displayed by the master of the Nonsuch, who was very 'importunate' to be discharged from the service, on the ground that he was 'very ancient' and 'much decayed in his judgment.'[4]

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[1] No. 926.

[2] Nos. 794, 981, 987.

[3] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 132-9.

[4] No. 65. See also No. 186.

[5] Nos. 1102, 1131, 1132. See also Nos. 294, 959, 1546.

4. *Pay*[5]

The defects of the ticket system have been discussed already in the General Introduction to vol. i. of this Catalogue;[6] of these the letters calendared below only furnish additional illustrations. An attempt had been made, by establishing a special official, and regular instructions for the better managing of the ticket office, to remove those delays and other grievances which 'to the great discouragement of seamen and dishonour to his Majesty's service,' they have 'heretofore been found very clamorous under.'[7] The navy board was also instructed by the lords of the admiralty to abandon the practice of 'splitting' ships' books and tickets—a practice first established when the moneys assigned to the navy were in their application limited to the service of particular years, and justified of late on the ground that it was important to keep the account of each year's expenses in sea-wages distinct.[8] It was now held that there was no advantage in this method to compensate for 'the manifold perplexities as well as troubles which indispensably attend it, both to the navy office and the many persons that are thereby driven to long and chargeable delays in the getting of their tickets passed and payments made.' But in spite of these improvements, the ticket system, at any rate where there was no adequate supply of money behind it, was thoroughly bad, leading as it did to inordinate delays and the absence of men from on board trying to get their tickets examined, passed, and paid ;[1] and we find Pepys on 10 March, 1673-4, expressing the vain desire in a letter to the navy board[2] that it might be possible 'to pay the poor seamen without being driven to any longer use of that fatal way of discharging them by ticket.'

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[1] No. 1785.
[2] Nos. 1367, 1910, 1989. See also note to No. 1367 *infra*.
[3] No. 1867. [4] No. 947. [5] *Supra*, vol. i. pp. 146–151.
[6] *Supra*, vol. i. pp. 142–3.
[7] No. 267. See also Nos. 1379 and 1507.
[8] No. 594. See also No. 412.

The long arrears and the unsatisfactory character of the arrangements for satisfying them sometimes led to serious disorders among the seamen. In December 1673 there was a recrudescence of the old disturbances of the earlier part of the reign,[3] and a letter of 15 December[4] from the lords of the admiralty to the lord treasurer supports an application for a weekly sum of money to discharge the seamen's tickets by a reference to 'the disorder wherein the seamen concerned in the payment of their tickets at this time are, to the threatening the pulling down of his Majesty's office and the embezzlement or spoil of all the books and papers there, besides the yet more public effects thereof to the dishonour of his Majesty's service and discouragement of seamen against the next year.'

The letters calendared below contain references to the arrangements established during Charles II.'s reign for half-pay and pensions in the navy.[5] By an order of the lords, dated 30 July, 1673,[6] it was provided that the pensions of superannuated chirurgeons should be computed 'by taking in the twopences of the company of the greatest ship on which they have served,' 'according to the complement appointed for the said ship in time of peace for home service.' On 13 December, 1673,[1] two cases arose under the Order in Council of 6 December, 1672, for pensions on superannuation;[2] and on the same date[3] another case under the Order in Council of 6 June, 1673, providing for an extension of the same principle to officers wounded in service at sea.[4] On 10 December, 1673,[5] another Order in Council provided that masters of the first three rates should receive full pay for themselves and their servants during the present war, 'as well in ordinary as extraordinary,' provided that they and their servants gave 'their due and constant attendance on board.' On 15 November of the same year,[6] on a petition from some of the chaplains complaining of great delays in the receipt of their moneys arising from 'the method lately established' of paying them by the books, the lords of the admiralty authorised a reversion to the older practice of paying them by complements of men, since the chaplains expressed themselves as 'willing rather to forego the benefit intended them by the late alteration than be exposed to the greater inconveniencies arising from the delays attending the casting of the books.' On 2 December[7] a similar order was made in respect of the pay of chirurgeons.

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[1] No. 1011. See also 1961.

[2] No. 1349.

[3] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 117-20, 142.

[4] No. 875. See also Nos. 656, 819, 1341, 1360.

[5] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 145-9.

[6] No. 84.

The papers also throw some light on those additional payments to officers and men during the war which come under the head of prize-money and special gratuities. On 30 July, 1673,[8] a special gratuity of 10*l.* each was assigned to the company of the Pearl merchantman for good service in defending her against the enemy's men-of-war; and a similar sum was promised to the crew of the Katherine fireship 'in case they did execution with her.'[1] The value of any privateers they might take was also granted to the commanders and their companies by proclamation.[2]

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[1] Nos. 871, 873.

[2] *Supra*, vol. i. p. 148.

[3] No. 861.

[4] *Supra*, vol. i. p. 148.

[5] No. 972.

[6] No. 670.

[7] No. 785.

[8] No. 84.

5. *Victuals*[3]

The circumstances attending the change of victualling contractors which took place in November 1673, have been already discussed in the General Introduction;[4] the correspondence relating to it will be found among the papers calendared below.[5] The complaints against the victuallers during this period are in the main for delay,[6] accentuated by the confusion set up by the change of contractors;[7] complaints of bad victuals, although they occur,[8] are comparatively few in number. The delays were, no doubt, mainly due to shortness of money,[9] and the new contractors were better than the old probably because they had a larger capital behind them. There are also references to the separate contract of 1674 with Sir Thomas Clutterbuck for the Mediterranean.[10] Some interest attaches to a series of orders from the lords of the admiralty showing the *modus operandi* of a victualling declaration, and the subsequent distribution among the victualling ports of the victuals so provided;[11] to an order from the lords of 13 December, 1673,[12] that for the future ships called in to be laid up and paid off are to remain in sea victuals 'during the time the provisions brought from sea shall last,' and not till then are to be put into petty warrant; and to an order of 15 December,[1] in pursuance of an Order in Council of 10 December, providing amongst other things that the pursers may supply the ships' companies with tobacco, not exceeding two pounds per man a month.

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[1] No. 696. See also No. 1747.

[2] No. 1127. See also Nos. 1051, 1093, 1254, 1259, 1269.

[3] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 157–83.

[4] *Supra*, vol. i. pp. 159–65.

[5] Nos. 125, 400, 553, 554, 560, 604, 638, 683, 728, 738, 745, 911, 924, 925, 1380, 1708.

[6] Nos. 701, 723, 1708.

[7] Nos. 756, 775, 786, 811.

[8] Nos. 699, 701, 717, 1097, 1702, 1750, 1763, 1890, 1903.

[9] Nos. 723, 746.

[10] Nos. 111, 1458: see also *supra*, vol. i. p. 165.

[11] Nos. 634, 641, 879, 973.

[12] No. 862.

6. *Discipline*[2]

It is 'matter of much trouble,' wrote Pepys on 3 January, 1673–4,[3] 'to consider how all discipline and obedience seems at this day to be laid aside'; and his official correspondence contains a good deal of evidence to suggest the magnitude of the task which lay before those who should attempt to re-establish discipline in the navy. We hear of 'complaints which daily arise' of the neglects of the king's commanders when they come into port in the 'despatching of their ships forth again' to sea;[4] and of 'the easiness with which commanders are in foul weather induced to find a port.'[5] Closely associated with this, and often a cause of it, was the abuse of carrying merchants' goods on board the king's ships,[6] as a rule in collusion with and under temptation from the merchants themselves.[7] The king and the lords of the admiralty were very 'earnest' in their resolutions 'duly to punish a fault of such importance,'[8] and inquiries were set on foot in the Mediterranean ports with a view to the discovery and punishment of the offenders.[9] We hear also of a commander exacting money from the merchant ships to which he gave convoy, 'though not under the bare name of convoy-money, yet under another pretence, namely, for . . . giving them sailing orders, a practice newly crept into the navy';[1] and of breaches of the recent Order in Council of 30 July, 1673,[2] fixing one per cent. as the maximum charge for conveying money or plate.[3]

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[1] No. 878.

[2] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 188–208.

[3] No. 1012. See also No. 1182, and *supra*, vol. i. pp. 198–9.

[4] No. 120.

[5] No. 527. See also Nos. 848, 1980.

[6] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 192–5. See also Nos. 1679, 1699, 1893, 1936.

[7] No. 1881. See also Nos. 1893, 1894.

[8] No. 1679.

[9] Nos. 1936, 1937, 1938, 1994, 1995.

Another disciplinary difficulty was the absence of captains from their ships without leave. This was dealt with by means of the new regulations for mustering commanders described in the General Introduction,[4] and by an attempt to insist on leave of absence being obtained from the lords of the admiralty.[5] Pepys also complains of the inefficiency of the muster-masters with the fleet, who do not send up the accounts of their musters, 'without which neither can the manning of the fleet be ever rightly known, nor any of the abuses obviated that the king is exposed to by false musters or ratings';[6] of irregularities in the weekly returns from the clerks of the check in the several yards;[7] of the backwardness of the pursers to give in their books;[8] and of the want of respect shown by individual captains to the orders of their superior officers[9] —'concerning which,' he writes on 6 January, 1673–4,[10] of one of these cases, 'I shall not fail to do my duty by the grace of God (whomsoever it offends) in laying it before his Majesty, so as that I hope our young commanders will see his Majesty will countenance no such breach of discipline.' It was in this spirit that the secretary of the admiralty set about the difficult task of creating a new tradition of naval discipline. The attempt did not succeed within his own period, but it is clear that it was honestly made, and there are a good many references in the official correspondence which show that in Pepys's time a good deal was being done to establish that steady pressure of authority in the direction of good conduct and obedience to orders, which was a preliminary condition of any sound system of discipline in the English navy.

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[1] No. 583.
[2] *Supra*, vol. i. p. 189.
[3] Nos. 1204, 1651.
[4] *Supra*, vol. i. pp. 195–8. See also Nos. 412, 413, 527, 552.
[5] Nos. 648, 725.
[6] No. 36.
[7] Nos. 1268, 1358, 1374.
[8] No. 519.
[9] Nos. 568, 569, 1025, 1038, 1289.
[10] No. 1025.

During the eighteen months covered by the letters calendared in this volume, a considerable number of disciplinary dismissals from the service took place, either by court-martial or otherwise. The commander of the Guernsey was dismissed for pressing men out of the packet-boats at Harwich in spite of a protection;[1] the commander of the Deptford ketch ran his ship upon a rock while attending the merchants' occasions contrary to orders, whereat the king was 'so moved' that he at once displaced him;[2] while another commander was brought to a court-martial for carrying merchants' goods.[3] Two captains were deprived for cowardice;[4] another for defrauding the king;[5] and a third in consequence of complaints from his company, who formulated their grievances by means of a 'round robin.'[6] The counterpart of the modern inquiry into naval mishaps is to be found in the inquiry held by the navy board into the blowing up of the Anne and the sinking of the Hester fireship at Sheerness;[7] the trial of Captain Nugent by court-martial for the 'miscarriage' of the Fairfax;[8] and the decision to try the master of the Royal Charles for running her aground, 'as well to caution others for the time to come, as to give opportunity' to him 'to justify himself, and thereby satisfy the world in the reason of his impunity.'[9]

The most serious delinquent in the navy during the period was Captain Grant, of the Reserve. The differences between him and his officers were sufficiently serious to be brought to a court-martial,[1] and he was dismissed his ship,[2] his 'faults' being 'of a very foul sort.'[3] It appears, however, from the correspondence,[4] that the quarrel with his subordinates was the means of disclosing a long-standing conspiracy between the captain and his purser to defraud the king by keeping men in pay upon the books who had deserted the service.[5] It does not speak well for the effectiveness of control in the navy just before the new admiralty commission took office, that the fraudulent dealings on board the Reserve had been the subject of official correspondence as early as 20 March, 1672–3, when the ship's muster-book disappeared and it then transpired that the complement was kept considerably short, that men who were entitled to tickets had not received them, that others were entered or borne on board who were not actually there, and that the officers' accounts for expenses were not signed. It was pointed out at the time by Commissioner Deane that these delinquencies, if proved, would afford the best possible reason for the suppression of the book, and he accordingly suggested that the purser should be called to account by the navy board, it being to his thinking a matter of great importance.[6] Nevertheless, Grant's dismissal did not actually take place until October of the same year. This collusion between pursers and captains was an abuse of long standing in the navy;[7] and traces of other 'ill practices' in connexion with the St. George and the Adventure appear elsewhere in the correspondence.[8]

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[1] Nos. 358, 379, 419.

[2] No. 1913. See also Nos. 1802, 1803, 1870, 1937, 1938.

[3] Nos. 1756, 1759, 1881.

[4] Captain Cotterell (Nos. 346, 360 *n.*, and 371), and Captain Carverth (Nos. 1728, 1760).

[5] No. 1962.

[6] Nos. 562, 565, 745, 793. For other cases see Nos. 1334; 1489, 1513, 1773, 1822, 1862; 1728; 374, 994, 996; 1023; 814; 999, 1026, 1043.

[7] Nos. 793, 799, 801, 826, 828, 857, 888.

[8] No. 441.

[9] No. 438.

Among other points of interest should be noticed Pepys's comment on the 'inabilities' of some of the masters of the king's ships, and his suggestion that before appointment they should all be examined by the Trinity House;[1] the numerous illustrations of his care to remind commanders to send up the journals of their voyages when their ships came in to be paid off;[2] and the notice taken of the presumption shown by merchantmen, both English and foreign, in wearing the king's colours.[3] There is also a suggestive reference to the standing controversy concerning the relative merits of gentlemen and 'tarpaulins'—'for as no man living,' writes Pepys,[4] 'can be more inclined than myself to favour a gentleman that is a true seaman, so neither is there any man more sensible than (after many years' observation) I am, of the ruinous consequences of an over-hasty admitting persons to the office and charge of seamen upon the bare consideration of their being gentlemen.' This problem has been already discussed in the General Introduction,[5] as also the arrangements for a regular establishment of cabins on board ships of war made by order of the lords of the admiralty, 16 October, 1673.[6]

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[1] No. 457. [2] No. 521. [3] No. 507.

[4] Nos. 350, 373, 457, 507, 519, 521. [5] No. 521.

[6] *Cal. S. P. Dom.*, 1673, p. 70.

[7] Hollond, *Discourses of the Navy* (*N. R. S.* vol. vii.), pp. xl–xliii.

[8] Nos. 1528, 1532.

7. *Ships*[7]

The allusions to shipbuilding during the eighteen months under consideration are not numerous. There are some evidences of activity while the war lasted;[8] when it came to an end it was Pepys's own ambition to see that no time was lost 'in the providing a set of new ships that may enable us without the help of France or any other neighbour to contend alone with the Dutch as we have heretofore done (which with sorrow we must acknowledge ourselves unfit to do at this day),'[9] but the need for retrenchment was at first too great for the king to entertain the idea of building more ships. There are allusions during the period to the launch of the Harwich[1] and the Oxford;[2] to the launch of the Katherine yacht at Chatham,[3] the king being present;[4] to a design of July 1674 for having two yachts built at Portsmouth for the King of France 'in imitation of his Majesty's';[5] and to the building of two new small frigates for the express purpose of 'annoying those of Sallee.'[6] There are also numerous references to the galleys at Genoa and Leghorn.[7]

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[1] No. 587.

[2] Nos. 1062, 1506, 1816, 1819, 1856, 2004, 2017, 2048.

[3] Nos. 1654, 1855, 1936.

[4] No. 1145. See also No. 953.

[5] *Supra*, vol. i. pp. 200–2.

[6] *Ib.* pp. 189–92.

[7] See *ib.* pp. 221–32.

[8] Nos. 515, 574.

[9] No. 1377. See also No. 1457.

By an order of 16 October, 1673,[8] the lords of the admiralty made it 'an established rule' that all ships to be hereafter built were to have one port fewer on each side, the handling of the guns having been found by experience to be 'much impeded' by the nearness of the ports to each other. By another order, of 20 December, 1673,[9] it was provided that, 'in regard of the many and good proofs of the usefulness of Sir Philip Howard's late invention for sheathing his Majesty's ships with lead,' they should for the time to come be sheathed in no other manner without special order from the lords. The fate of this important experiment is described below.[10] Another experiment was also ordered on 12 August, 1674,[11] with cypress trees from Virginia, which were said to be of dimensions large enough for the masts of yachts, 'and in their quality both lighter and tougher than those of fir we now use.'

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[1] Nos. 1357, 1491.

[2] No. 1710.

[3] No. 1477.

[4] No. 1478.

[5] No. 1643. On the origin of the yacht in the English navy, see *supra*, vol. i. pp. 225–6.

[6] No. 2042.

[7] Nos. 1023, 1166, 1657, 1685, 1740, 1750, 1761, 1873, 1960, 2043. See also *supra*, vol. i. pp. 227–8.

[8] No. 515.

[9] No. 949.

[10] Notes to No. 949. See also No. 1957.

[11] No. 1690.

8. *Miscellaneous*

The perennial abuse of chips, to which reference is made in Hollond's *Discourses of the Navy*,[1] makes its appearance again in the period under consideration. The workmen were entitled by tradition to 'lawful hewed chips that fell from the axe,' and at Chatham at any rate it was customary on 'chip-day' for women to come into the yard, like gleaners into the harvest-field, to carry off chips.[2] The difficulty was to prevent the workmen from splitting up good wood into chips to increase the amount of the perquisites, and this was especially the case when ships were being stripped of joinery work, which could be easily rendered useless for the future by careless handling. This abuse attracted the attention of the admiralty commissioners, and on 31 October, 1673,[3] they called the attention of the navy board to 'the great charge his Majesty is daily put to' by the workmen 'spending much of their time and his Majesty's timber in a wasteful cutting of chips,' and desired the board to give 'such effectual directions to the commissioners of the outports and the master shipwrights of each yard as may prevent the like evil for the time to come.'

References also occur to Charles II.'s financial dependence upon France;[4] to his love of ships and shipbuilding;[5] and to various points of interest in connexion with the use of flags, and the respect to be paid to the king's colours.[6] The language of a fresh warrant issued to the slopseller of the navy[7] also suggests that, although no uniform for seamen was as yet prescribed, the operation of the system under which clothes were furnished by a monopolist contractor must have been already leading to something of that nature on board the king's ships. There is an allusion to a custom by which the Cinque Ports sent two persons yearly to regulate the fishing at Hastings and Brighthelmston, now apparently beginning to fall into disuse;[1] and to a composition of 12 barrels of herrings apiece offered by Dutch fishermen to one of the king's commanders to save their being carried into Yarmouth for disrespect to the king's flag—a variety of fine which was spoken of as an innovation, although some measure of the kind appeared to derive a sort of sanction from 'the practice of the sea.'[2] Other letters lay down the limits within which the lords of the admiralty were willing to protect debtors in the service of the navy from arrest and imprisonment by their creditors;[3] and from a letter of 30 October, 1674,[4] relating to the composition of a new commission of oyer and terminer for the admiralty, it may be inferred that it now included for the first time some of the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House. There are also references to a scheme for making a harbour of refuge at Dover.[5]

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[1] *N. R. S.* vol. vii. pp. 96, 151 *n.*

[2] *Cal. S. P. Dom.*, 1671, p. 548.

[3] No. 614. See also No. 1708.

[4] Nos. 1451–3.

[5] Nos. 325, 1508, 1560, 1571–5.

[6] Nos. 275, 951, 1539, 1654, 1712, 1783, 1855, 1859, 1905, 1925, 1936, 1956, 1985, 2011, 2033.

[7] No. 1735.

Mr. Pepys acknowledges two presents during the period: on 11 November, 1674,[6] he thanks Mr. Stock, of Dover, for something which 'he has not yet tasted, but doubts not its proving good'; and on 28 September[7] he expresses his gratitude to Mr. Martin, the consul at Algiers, for adding a lion to the inmates of his house, who is 'as tame as you sent him, and as good company.'

The *Admiralty Letters* also throw some light on one of the doubtful points connected with Pepys's *Register of Sea-Officers*.[8] Under ordinary circumstances there would be a very strong presumption that wherever Pepys in the

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[1] No. 204.

[2] No. 1838.

[3] Nos. 1784, 1930.

[4] No. 1798. See also No. 1911.

[5] Nos. 1823, 1824, 1966.

[6] No. 1931.

[7] No. 1788.

[8] *Supra*, vol. i. pp. 307-435.

Register gives a date up to 25 March in any year, it should be read as belonging to the succeeding year. There are, however, one or two indications which suggest that Pepys, who sometimes gives the years in both styles, either was not always quite consistent, or sometimes made mistakes.[1] It is therefore necessary to check the dates given in the *Register* by those in the *Admiralty Letters*, and the result in the six cases where this is possible, is to prove that in five of them at any rate, 1673 is to be read as 1673–4.[2] The exception is probably connected with a mistake in the *Register*, as it is clear from a letter of 19 August, 1673,[3] that Captain David Trotter was promoted direct from the Richmond to the Dragon, and could not possibly have commanded the Speedwell between these appointments, under a commission dated 9 March, 1673[–4], as the *Register* asserts.[4] It should be noticed also that the year 1673, given in the *Register of Ships*[5] as the date of the casting away of the Nightingale, stands for 16 January, 1673–4.[6]

It is probable that the value of Charnock's *Biographia Navalis* has been hitherto somewhat overrated. It will appear from the footnotes printed below that Pepys's correspondence corrects him upon a good many points of detail, and although Charnock's longer biographical articles are often full of interest, the shorter ones do little more than throw the tabular navy lists into continuous prose.[7]

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[1] *E.g.* Henry Killigrew's commission to the Royal Oak is given as 20 Mar. 1678, and his next commission, to the Mary, as 14 Jan. 1678–9 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 374).

[2] Richard Country, to the Roebuck, 9 Feb. 1673[–4]: see No. 1273. Sir Robert Robinson, to the Diamond, 9 Feb. 1673[–4]: see No. 1367. Robert Stout, to the Warspite, 21 Jan. 1673[–4]: see No. 1122. John Tosier, to the Stavoreen, 31 Jan. 1673[–4]: see No. 1180. William Watson, to the Buck dogger, 5 Jan. 1673[–4]: see No. 1201. Also David Trotter, as described above.

[3] No. 180. See also 273.

[4] *Supra*, vol. i. p. 416.

[5] *Ib.* p. 277; but see correction on p. xxxviii, *infra.*

[6] No. 1109.

[7] To take an instance at random, the article on 'John Hayward, senior,' printed in Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 14, is only a prose render-

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ing of the facts tabulated in Pepys's *Register of Sea-Officers* (vol. i. pp. 363 and 338 *supra*), with the addition of the statement that the subject of the notice 'finished gallantly and covered with wounds a long life nobly exerted in the service of his country.' It is probable that Charnock had access to a list of naval commissions now in the Public Record Office, but he was without other materials for the obscurer lives.

CORRECTIONS IN VOLUME I.

P. 42, *note* 1, *lines* 8 and 9. *For* Richard Beach at Portsmouth and Anthony Deane at Chatham *read* Richard Beach at Chatham and Anthony Deane at Portsmouth.

P. 277. In the date of the 'exit' of the Milford, *for* 1673 *read* 1671; and in the corresponding date of the 'exit' of the Nightingale, *for* 1671 *read* 1673.

P. 279. The tonnage of the Saudados as built in 1670 and rebuilt in 1673 is printed as in the original MS., but Pepys, evidently in error, has assigned the larger tonnage to the smaller ship.

Pepys's use in the *Register of Sea-Officers* of dates up to 25 March is discussed on pp. xxxvi–vii of the present volume.

CALENDAR

OF

S. P.'S LETTERS

VOL. II.[1]

ADMIRALTY

FROM JUNE 19, 1673, TO DECEMBER 31, 1673.

[Vellum folio, stamped as described in vol. i. p. x *supra*, but without book-plates; marbled edges. Press mark No. 2849. Ledger index, 92 pp.; 5 blank pp.; 455 written pp. numbered as 453 pp.; 5 blank pp. The letters in this volume are written from Whitehall, unless otherwise stated.]

1. [p. 1.] 1673, 19 *June. S. P. to Mr. Glover.*—'His Majesty having been pleased upon his Royal Highness's resignation to call' him 'from the navy board to the execution of the place of secretary to the office of lord high admiral of England,' in reply to his letter of the 17th inst. he writes concerning the convoy of colliers.

2. [p. 1.] 19 *June. S. P. to Captain Eliot.*[2]—Leave to come to town; he will then have an opportunity of informing his Royal Highness of his reasons for wishing to have the guns of the Anne changed.

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[1] This volume, though the second of the series described as 'S. P.'s Letters,' appears to be the first of the series marked 'Admiralty.' Vol. I. may have contained official letters at a date earlier than Pepys's appointment as secretary. It is not in the Pepysian Library.

[2] Captain Thomas Eliot, commander of the Anne. See Pepys's *Register* (vol. i. p. 347 *supra*).

3. [p. 1.] 19 *June. S. P. to John Howell, Esq.*—The king thanks him for his care in pressing seamen for the fleet, and for his information of the neglect of the custom-house officers, who will be called to account by the lord treasurer. The scarcity of men in his parts will not cause him to slacken his care in procuring as many as can be had. Prince Rupert has sent vessels to his parts and to other ports to receive them.

4. [p. 2.] [19 *June.*] *S. P. to Mr. Baylie.*—To acknowledge his letter of the 16th inst. to Sir John Werden.

5. [p. 2.] [19 *June.*] *S. P. to* ——.—Acknowledges his letters from Sir John Werden of 11th and 13th inst. come to S. P.'s hands, and prays the continuance of the correspondence. Does not yet hear that the Hunter is arrived at Portsmouth, but orders shall be sent to meet her by the time she may get to Plymouth.

6. [p. 3.] 19 *June. S. P. to Captain Grant.*—Leaves it to his discretion to consider whether there be any hopes of gaining any considerable number of men in the Forest of Dean that may 'countervaile' the charge of a journey thither [17].

7. [p. 3.] 19 *June. S. P. to Captain Guy.*[1]—Care will be taken for indemnifying those officers who, by reason of their attendance on the king's service, are unable to comply with the requirements of the Test Act.

8. [p. 3.] 24 *June. The same to the same.*—Mr. Barber to be entered on board his ship as a reformado.[2]

9. [p. 4.] 24 *June. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Writes by command of the king, 'who is at this time very earnest for the despatch of all things requisite for putting the fleet into a speedy condition of going to sea,' to pray their issuing the most effectual orders, particularly for the despatch of the two months' victuals ordered entire, beside what they shall expend daily till they sail, and one month's more to be lodged on board victualling vessels in the manner directed by yesterday's warrant. Reminds them of the buoys to be provided by the Trinity House, as also a store of vinegar.

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[1] Pepys's *Register* mentions three officers of this name (*supra*, vol. i. p. 358). This was probably Thomas Guy, commander of the Henrietta yacht.

[2] An officer with rank but no command; hence applied in the navy to gentlemen's sons who served under letters from the king, without being on the ship's regular establishment.

10. [p. 4.] 24 *June. The same to the same.*—To order the discharging of two shipwrights at Deptford and three at Chatham, that they may go over into Ireland, 'there to assist in building the frigates contracted for by Sir Edward Spragge.'

11. [p. 5.] 25 *June. S. P. to* [*Prince Rupert*[1]].—To inform him that the 'fireships now providing here' are for the most part ready to take in their provisions and 'fireworks.' Prays him speedily to assign them to flags, with directions that some 'able and active person' be sent up from each flag to hasten their despatch. Encloses list of the fireships and their commanders, as also of the sloops now fitting out. John Belt, one of the commanders, has not yet appeared for his commission.

12. [p. 5.] 25 *June. S. P. to Hartgill Baron, Esq.*—Concerning a missing list.

13. [p. 6.] 25 *June.—Warrant to Lieutenant Young*, of the York, to discharge Nicholas Vanderlande, 'a Dutchman born and no seaman,' lately pressed by him as he was actually employed in his Majesty's service as a baker, and now on board the Rejoice ketch.

14. [p. 6.] 26 *June.—Certificate* of a true copy of a warrant of 22 March last, whereof the commander and lieutenant of the Cambridge are desired to take notice in regard of a complaint that the persons therein protected had been pressed out of a Guildford barge, when coming thence with timber for the use of Deptford Yard.

15. [p. 6.] 26 *June.—Warrant* for the discharge of one Richard Bullin, porter, if aged and sickly and no seaman, as alleged.

16. [p. 7.] 27 *June. S. P. to Captain Le Neve.*[2]—Since he is on the coast, bound with convoys for the Port of London, warns him that by advices of Prince Rupert of the 26th the Dutch fleet then lay at anchor in the Gunfleet.

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[1] Appointed on 16 June, 1673, to act as admiral of the fleet against the Dutch.

[2] MS. 'La Neeve.' Richard Le Neve, related to the antiquary John Le Neve (*D. N. B.* xxxiii. 35), was killed in action on 11 August, 1673, and is buried in Westminster Abbey (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 325).

17. [p. 7.] 28 *June. S. P. to Captain Grant,* Bristol.—As he has now no reason to expect to get any further supply of seamen from Bristol, he is to return to Portsmouth to the Reserve, 'unless you can by a little longer stay light upon any of those men you mention who endeavour to preserve themselves from the press by pretence of being masters of ships while they indeed are not so.'

18. [p. 7.] 28 *June. S. P. to Colonel Piper,*[1] at Plymouth.—Will arrange about convoy for the six Virginia ships bound for London. Thinks the Hunter may be appointed for that service. Warrants and commissions granted by the duke already confirmed by proclamation.

19. [p. 8.] 28 *June. S. P. to Sir Roger Cuttance,*[2] Weymouth.—Has moved some of the writer's late fellow officers in his matter.

20. [p. 8.] 28 *June. S. P. to Captain Trotter,* commander of the Richmond, at Plymouth.—Approves his returning to his station on the coast of Ireland till further order.

21. [p. 8.] 28 *June. S. P. to Captain Binning,* commander of the Portsmouth pink, Yarmouth.—Is sorry for the accounts he gives of 'Captain Edwards his pressing.' Want of men in the fleet justifies 'all the industry that can be made use of towards the supplying it,' but nothing can excuse 'his taking of moneys.' Send particulars.

22. [p. 9.] 1 *July. S. P. to the Master and Rulers of Watermen's Hall.*—To attend the king and council.

23. [p. 9.] 1 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper,*[1] at Plymouth.—Encloses his Majesty's directions touching the Straits fleet [26]. Thanks him for advice of the proceedings of the French fleet at St. Christopher's.

Postscript.—The Dartmouth is arrived in the Downs.

Margin: 'Not sent but cancelled, the letter on the . . .'

24. [p. 9.] 1 *July. S. P. to Captain Clements,* commander of the Greyhound at Chatham.—Is sorry for his mischance. Should lose no time in refitting.

25. [p. 10.] 1 *July. S. P. to Captain Temple,* commander of the Mermaid at Portsmouth.—Hopes the instructions of 28 June for going to the westward to his former station have come to hand. If still at Portsmouth, to give convoy to Mr. James Hon, agent for his Majesty's garrison in Jersey.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See *D. N. B.* xiii. 366.

26. [p. 10.] 1 *July. S. P. to Captain Colt*, commander of the Hunter, at Plymouth.—To take notice that the king doth by this post command the Governor of Plymouth to stop the Straits fleet there until further order. His present work will be to follow the governor's orders as far as to the meeting and helping to bring the fleet with safety into Plymouth.

Margin: 'This was not sent, but the letter entered on the other side' [27].

27. [p. 11.] 1 *July. The same to the same.*—Has received his of 27 June.

28. [p. 11.] 1 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper*,[1] at Plymouth.—Approves the instructions he has given the Hunter touching the Straits fleet.

29. [p. 11.] 2 *July. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Sends for their perusal enclosed warrants to the Lieutenant of the Tower and the Rulers of the Watermen's Hall about pressing men. As they are informed from the Lieutenant of the Tower that men are brought in there and in readiness to be shipped, they are to give order for vessels to receive them, and to demand from the Tower what soldiers shall be needful to secure them.

30. [p. 12.] 2 *July. S. P. to Sir William Jennens.*[2]—To attend the king to explain his proceedings in the pressing of one Herring, a waterman, 'though at the same time in the custody of one of the Rulers of the Watermen's Company, who had pressed him for his Majesty's service.'

31. [p. 12.] 3 *July. S. P. to Mr. Fowell*,[3] at Plymouth.—The king approves his industry in getting of men. The Plymouth and other ships are hourly expected at Plymouth with their convoys from the Straits, and the pressed men should be put on board as soon as they arrive. Prays him to give notice of any further numbers pressed, that timely conveyance may not be wanting for bringing them to the fleet, 'where his Majesty's occasions call greatly for the utmost supplies of men that can be had' [33].

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

[3] Vice-admiral of Devon.

32. [p. 12.] 3 *July. S. P. to Captain Pibus*, commander of the Fanfan.—To repair to Deptford to refit and victual.

33. [p. 13.] 3 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*—Upon notice given by Mr. Fowell, vice-admiral of Devon, of about 200 pressed men waiting to be conveyed to the fleet, he is directed on the arrival of the Straits fleet [31] to consider of the quickest way of having them put on board the king's ships, or merchantmen bound to the eastward. Assurance to be given to the commanders that they shall be punctually allowed for the victuals which, according to the king's allowance, they shall expend in their passage.

34. [p. 13.] 3 *July. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[1]—The king will probably have the whole state of the stores inquired into [58 and 64], and some orders taken for such a supply 'as may answer the occasions which must inevitably follow the least new action that can, and in probability must, arrive upon the going forth of the fleet; at least if the enemy continue on our coast.'

35. [p. 14.] 3 *July. S. P. to Mr. Dawkes*, to Dover.—On arrival of the Straits fleet in sight of Dover, immediate notice to be sent them that the Dutch fleet are upon the coast.

36. [p. 14.] 4 *July. S. P. to Mr. Baron.*—Hopes the fireships will all be with his Highness by Sunday; might have been sooner had the commanders given any tolerable attendance, but Lieutenant Wood does very much forward them. Complains that the muster-masters of the fleet do not send up the accounts of their musters, 'without which neither can the manning of the fleet be ever rightly known, nor any of the abuses obviated that the king is exposed to by false musters or ratings.' The number of tenders in the fleet is very great, and 'by the long stay of many of them here aloft, and the slender accounts they give of the service they are doing,' the writer is 'very doubtful lest a great part of them may be so far overlooked as that they may lie in pay and victuals without any strict account taken from them by the captains of the ships on which they pretend to wait.' This is a great charge, 'it being every day's observation that the river is full aloft of these small vessels, protected from any account by virtue of their jacks.' Prays him to take what notice of it he thinks fit.

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[1] Anthony Deane, the famous shipbuilder, was at this time resident commissioner at Portsmouth. For particulars of his career see *D. N. B.* xiv. 251.

37. [p. 15.] 4 *July. S. P. to Captain Le Neve.*[1]—Congratulates him on his safe return with the Straits fleet, 'it being greatly the fear of most that it was with some eye towards you and your fleet that the Dutch have hovered so long upon our coast.' One welcome circumstance more is his bringing no inconsiderable supply of men at this time to the fleet. The king approves of his purpose of coming to the Hope.

38. [p. 16.] 4 *July. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The king, his Royal Highness, and the council approve their advice touching Captain Haddock's being specially charged with the care of Deptford and Woolwich yards. They also approve Mr. Culpepper's proposition.[2] The king approves of what they have done in publishing that the bringing in by the masters of persons unable instead of able seamen will not be accepted. As to the disposal of the men brought in, Captain Watson is to have thirty for manning the Swallow; the rest are to be employed in putting those ships into a condition of going to sea that are intended for transporting the 4,000 foot soldiers. The king approves the authorising of bargemen to press upon the River about Windsor, Henley, Reading, &c., provided that the warrants are placed in discreet hands. Hopes that the condition of the fleet as to men will receive help from the Straits fleet now come in [37]. Refers to the muster-masters' neglect in supplying them with muster-books, and the great number and little service of the tenders [36], 'they being both points wherein his Majesty's service and the saving of his treasure are greatly concerned.' The Essex ketch and the vessels in her company to stay in Yarmouth Roads till the coast is clear.

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[1] See note to No. 16.

[2] Joseph Culpepper was made commander of the Culpepper fire-ship (probably his own property, hired into the king's service) on 18 July (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 394).

39. [p. 18.] 8 *July. S. P. to Captain Clements.*—To take the Greyhound to Calais to fetch the Duke of Monmouth.

40. [p. 18.] 10 *July. S. P. to Captain Tyrwhitt*, Adventure, at Plymouth.—To execute such orders as he shall receive from the governor.

41. [p. 18.] 10 *July. S. P. to Captain Colt*, Hunter, at Plymouth.—He will receive orders for being cleaned and victualled there.

42. [p. 19.] 10 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper*, at Plymouth.—Thanks him for his information of what has passed in the West Indies. The king approves of what he designs to order touching the further proceedings of the Adventure, Hunter, and Morning Star, and in particular that the Speedwell when cleaned may bring the men provided by Mr. Fowell into the Downs [31].

43. [p. 19.] 10 *July. S. P. to Captain Temple*, Mermaid, at Portsmouth.—To execute his orders without any stay for the ships he mentions at Southampton, Cowes, or Morlaix.

44. [p. 19.] 10 *July. S. P. to Captain Skelton*,[1] Speedwell, at Plymouth.—To receive orders from the governor.

45. [p. 20.] 10 *July. S. P. to Captain White*, Hatton ketch, at Portsmouth.—To continue to execute Lord Hatton's orders, and particularly in giving convoy to such vessels that lie ready at Southampton, Poole, &c.

46. [p. 20.] 10 *July. S. P. to Captain Reade*,[2] Morning Star, at Plymouth.—To execute such orders as he shall receive from the governor.

47. [p. 20.] 10 *July. S. P. to John Fowell, Esq.*, vice-admiral of the county of Devon, now at Plymouth.—To get the pressed men ready to go away in the Speedwell, when cleaned, for the Downs [42].

48. [p. 21.] 12 *July. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To give orders at Plymouth for the cleaning of the Hunter and victualling for three months as soon as she shall return from the westward.

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[1] Captain Charles Skelton, an officer of some note (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 375). There was also a Captain John Skelton who commanded the Sorlings in 1665 (*ib.* i. 178).

[2] Francis Reade, who had been appointed commander of the Morning Star after the battle of Sole Bay (*ib.* i. 374).

49. [p. 21.] 12 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*—The Straits fleet has several days since been safely arrived in the River. Thanks him for his advice that the Adventure and Morning Star have gone out to cruise again for 14 days to meet the Virginia fleet.

50. [p. 21.] 12 *July. S. P. to Mr. Lanyon,* agent at Plymouth.—Advises him of impending orders from the navy board concerning the Hunter [48].

51. [p. 22]. 12 *July. S. P. to Captain Colt.*—Advising him as in the foregoing letter. The king approves his recommendation of a lieutenant for himself.

52. [p. 22.] 12 *July. S. P. to Mr. Fowell.*—The king approves his sending men to the fleet by the Marigold merchantman. Hopes to hear of the rest by the Speedwell [47].

53. [p. 22.] 11 *July. S. P. to Mr. Poulson.*—To call him to account for pressing the watermen belonging to the clerk of the check at Gravesend.

Underwritten: 'This letter enclosed to Mr. Pett [1] at Gravesend.'

54. [p. 23.] 12 *July. S. P. to William Wood, Esq.,* one of the justices of the peace for Middlesex.—To release Captain Mackley,[2] of the Bonetta sloop, if there be no just cause for his detention.

55. [p. 23.] 14 *July. S. P. to Mr. Shish.*[3]—Not to omit the doing of any work to the Saudados,[4] now repairing, that in his judgment will 'better her qualities or otherwise render her more fit' for service.

56. [p. 23.] 14 *July. S. P. to Captain Clements,* commander of the Greyhound in the Downs.—To sail to the buoy of the Nore for further orders.

57. [p. 24.] 14 *July. S. P. to Captain Temple,* commander of the Mermaid at Portsmouth.—Encloses orders.

58. [p. 24.] 19 *July. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To acquaint them that this day the lords commissioners of the admiralty opened their commission, and established Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 o'clock in the morning, at the Council Chamber, for their public meetings; and that they desire the presence of the whole navy board on Monday next. The account of the naval stores ordered for the king [34] may now be presented to their lordships, and that as speedily as possible [64].

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[1] See note to No. 500.

[2] MS. 'Macklin'; but see *supra,* vol. i. p. 381.

[3] Jonas Shish was master shipwright at Deptford.

[4] The original Saudados had been built at Portsmouth in 1670 by Anthony Deane, as a yacht of 86 tons for the queen's use, who on 14 April of that year 'gave it a Portuguese name and fired a gun' (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* Add. 1660–70, p. 163). The vessel as rebuilt by Jonas Shish in 1673 was of 180 tons, and carried 75 men and 16 guns (Pepysian MSS. No. 2940).

59. [p. 25.] 19 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—The writer's attendance on the king to the fleet, 'from whence he is newly returned, after having seen them sail out of the River,' is the reason of his not sooner answering his of the 13th. The king, 'being upon some fresh considerations led to the resolving upon sending as much force as conveniently he can immediately to the Soundings,' would not have the Speedwell sent eastward besides the Adventure and Morning Star [42], but would rather advise that the [pressed] men be divided among the ships with him in case of want, or else sent to Portsmouth for the Reserve, and that she be immediately sent, with or after the other two, to the Soundings, there to look carefully out for the Virginia fleet and convoy it out of danger. A couple of frigates will be sent also from the Thames, besides the Norwich and the Dragon. The commanders of the Dragon, Speedwell and Hunter to follow the orders of Captain Tyrwhitt, commander of the Adventure [60].

Postscript.—'Pray let no time be lost herein that can possibly be saved.'

60. [p. 26.] 19 *July. S. P. to Captain London.*[2]—To sail to the Soundings and there follow Captain Tyrwhitt's orders [59 and 118].

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Chamberlayne, commander of the Dragon, dated as above.'

61. [p. 26.] 19 *July. S. P. to Captain White,* Hatton ketch.—Will not move for an increase of men for him, since the officers of the navy do not approve.

62. [p. 27.] 19 *July. S. P. to Mr. Baylie,* to Bristol.—Will consult the officers of the navy about his letter of the 14th inst., but is of opinion that he cannot have the benefit of the Act for Land Carriage,[3] since the timber for which he requires it 'cannot be said to be the king's till it be wrought into the ship.' Besides, the power of impresting land carriage, if given, would be for his private advantage and not the king's, and would be open to abuse.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth. [2] Commander of the Norwich [306].

[3] 14 Car. II, c. 20.

63. [p. 27.] 19 *July. S. P. to Mr. Lanyon.*—To despatch the fitting out the Hunter as soon as she returns, that she may lose no time in going to the Soundings [59].

64. [p. 28.] 21 *July. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—To use all possible despatch in drawing up for them the state of the king's naval stores, called for by warrant of 14th inst. [58], in such a form as to give full information in the following particulars: (1) What those works are for which money must be provided which are not included in their estimate of 27,743*l.*, and what is necessary for performing the same. (2) What provisions mentioned in their estimate can be timely had with ready money, and how soon the works to be performed therewith may be finished. (3) What the debt of the navy is which must presently be satisfied for supporting its credit. (4) What the present debt to the workmen of each yard is to the end of the last quarter, and how much must be speedily supplied 'for the encouraging and enabling them to go on vigorously in the preparations to be made against the return of the fleet after an engagement.' (5) What the debt of the navy will be on 1 September next to seamen's wages and the freight of hired ships, and what the weekly growing charge while the debt is unsatisfied.

They desire them to pay off the London Merchant's company, and restore her to her owners. They approve colliers hired to transport 500 men each, taking only 400. Desire their weekly attendance on Saturdays at eight in the morning. The board to send the commissioners a duplicate of their weekly certificate to the lord treasurer 'for the informing us in the true state of the expense, treasure, and debt of the navy.'

Signatures: Shaftesbury, Monmouth, Anglesey, Ormonde and Arlington.

65. [p. 29.] 21 *July. The same to Prince Rupert.*—Upon information from the navy board of a complaint made to them by the commissioners for sick and wounded seamen, 'touching the ill condition in which seamen are through wounds or sickness frequently sent on shore by their want of clothes,' they have resolved that commanders and pursers shall supply any seaman set ashore on account of wounds or sickness with what clothes he shall demand, not exceeding one month's pay. No sick are to be put on shore above Gravesend; but wounded are to be carried up to the hospitals in London. Orders to prevent commanders pressing men out of victuallers are not observed, so that 'a considerable quantity of provisions lying at Portsmouth, and upon which the next month's supply for the whole fleet does in an extraordinary measure depend, cannot be fetched thence by reason of the late impresting of the seamen out of the victuallers' vessels designed for the fetching thereof.' There are other instances also in relation to stores, &c., respecting both the office of the navy and the ordnance. His Highness is urged to cause some effectual course to be taken for preventing it in the future.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

66. [p. 31.] 22 *July. S. P. to Captain Wright,*[1] commander of the Kitchen yacht, in the River.—To sail to the Downs to fetch pressed men from the Speedwell and put them on board the Dover in the River; this done, to return to Greenwich.

67. [p. 32.] 22 *July. S. P. to Captain Skelton,*[2] commander of the Speedwell, in the Downs.—The Kitchen is to fetch his pressed men [66]. He is then to sail at once to the Soundings and follow the orders of Captain Tyrwhitt [59]. To send the prize he has taken into Dover.

68. [p. 32.] 23 *July. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Encloses a state of the victualling affair of the navy, presented to my lords by the contractors. This to be examined by Sir Jeremy Smyth,[3] so that the board may on Saturday advise the commissioners touching the additional declaration for 30,000 men for three months by them propounded. To make provision for carrying sutlers to Yarmouth to follow the land forces.

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[1] There are four officers of this name mentioned in Pepys's *Register* (vol. i. pp. 427–8 *supra*). The reference is to Captain William Wright, who was 'remarkable for having never through a very long service of near thirty years' continuance commanded any vessel except a yacht' (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 277).

[2] See note to No. 44.

[3] Comptroller of the victualling. See *D. N. B.* ii. 65.

69. [p. 33.] 23 *July. The same to the same.*—The admiralty commissioners having this day directed the Rulers of the Company of Watermen to furnish them immediately with 'so many able watermen, liverymen not excepted,' as they shall require for that purpose, they are to signify to the said rulers the number of men necessary for despatching the vessels designed for fetching provisions from Portsmouth.

70. [p. 33.] 24 *July. The same to the same.*—The Well dogger to be cleaned and supplied with a fitting proportion of victuals for convoying the victualling vessels to Portsmouth.

71. [p. 33.] 24 *July. S. P. to Lieutenant Hooper*, of the Revenge.—To put on shore what soldiers are on board him.

72. [p. 33.] 25 *July. S. P. to Captain Stepney*, commander of the Drake,[1] at Hull.—To repair with his convoys to the Hope for further orders.

73. [p. 34.] 26 *July. S. P. to Captain Trafford.*[2]—To expect orders to convoy the victualling vessels to Portsmouth.

74. [p. 34.] [26 *July.*] *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Well dogger to be fitted out to convoy vessels to the northwards. To send a smack to assist the commander of the Dartmouth in obtaining men. The commissioners design the Guinea to convoy the victualling vessels to Portsmouth [73], so send notice when they will be ready to sail. They also approve the water ships lying in the Hope till advices come from the fleet. Will send them a copy of the king's order confirming the duke's commissions and warrants. The lord treasurer will answer their proposition of having timber out of Epping Forest for the frame of the Woolwich ship.

75. [p. 35.] [26 *July.*] *S. P. to Captain Grant*, Reserve.—To send what men he can by the first opportunity to the fleet, rather than keep them at the king's charge.

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[1] This reference corrects Charnock, according to whom Stepney had been removed from the Drake into the Lily sloop in 1672 (*Biog. Nav.* i. 377). See also Pepys's *Register* (vol. i. p. 409 *supra*).

[2] Commander of the Guinea [293].

76. [p. 35.] [26 *July.*] *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Is glad to hear of the safe arrival of the ship from Guinea at Plymouth. Desires that the Speedwell, Dragon, and Hunter may be hastened to their station in the Soundings as soon as they arrive at Plymouth [59].

77. [p. 35.] 26 *July. S. P. to Mr. Thurston*, Essex.[2] — Thanks him for intelligence of the fleet. Desires an account from time to time of what passes on his station.

78. [p. 36.] [*Undated.*] *S. P. to Captain Pibus*, Fanfan.—Cannot direct him where to find the fleet, but hopes he has already learned at Harwich. Advises caution, lest he fall into the enemy's hands.

Postscript.—'By a letter from the prince of 22nd inst., dated from about 10 or 12 degrees distant from Schonvelt to the northward at 9 night, his H. writes that he was then sailing with the fleet along the coast to the northward.'

79. [p. 36.] 28 *July. S. P. to the Rulers and Company of Watermen's Hall.*—The commissioners direct them to forbear pressing four men undermentioned, 'being the only remaining persons belonging to the barge crew of his Grace my Lord of Canterbury.'

80. [p. 36.] 28 *July. S. P. to Commissioner Beach*,[3] at Chatham.—To provide a convenient place for laying masts for the use of the French king's ships.

81. [p. 37.] 29 *July. S. P. to Mr. Fowell*, vice-admiral of Devon, Washbourne.—To be stricter in his choice of men, some being unfit that were sent. He will do well for the future saving of charge to dispose of his pressed men to such ships of the western squadron as shall happen to put in at Plymouth. The number of capers that have lately appeared on his coasts will probably lead to a couple of frigates being despatched from the fleet to reinforce the western station [83]. The king has invested the commissioners of the admiralty with the disposing of the lord admiral's rights for his Majesty's own use [116].

82. [p. 37.] 29 *July. S. P. to Captain Thurston*, commander of the Essex ketch, at Harwich.—Thanks for news.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] *I.e.* the Essex ketch [82].

[3] Richard Beach was resident commissioner at Chatham.

83. [p. 38.] 30 *July*. *The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*Prince Rupert*].—Desire him to spare a 4th-rate and a 5th-rate frigate to reinforce the western squadron now at the Soundings under the command of Captain Tyrwhitt [81].

Signatures: Shaftesbury, Anglesey, Ormonde, G. Carteret and Edw. Seymour.

83a. [p. 38.] 30 *July*. *The same to Mr. John Hebdon*, collector of customs for the port of Colchester.—Thanks for seizing embezzled goods. The powder to be delivered where the master of the ordnance shall direct, and the cordage to the storekeeper at Chatham, Deptford, or Woolwich.

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington and E. Seymour.

84. [p. 39.] 30 *July*. *The same to the Navy Board.*—Pensions of superannuated chirurgeons to be computed 'by taking in the twopences of the company of the greatest ship on which they have served,' 'according to the complement appointed for the said ship in time of peace for home service.' 10*l.* to be paid to each of the company of the Pearl merchantman for good service in defending her against the enemy's men-of-war. The board to suggest regulations for the number and assignment of cabins, so as to put an end to present inconveniences, such as 'the pestering of the ship, contracting of sickness,' temptation to drinking and debauchery, danger of fire, and disputes between officers touching the disposal of cabins.[1]

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, Arlington and G. Carteret.

85. [p. 40.] 31 *July*. *S. P. to the same.*—To send a small vessel to attend the Plymouth for pressing men for her.

86. [p. 40.] 31 *July*. *S. P. to Captain Perriman.*—To inform him what man-of-war ketch is in the river, as a despatch is to be sent to the fleet.

Postscript.—To inform himself of the condition of the Peace prize.

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[1] These were presented 15 Aug., and adopted 16 Oct. by Order in Council (Pepysian MSS. *Naval Precedents*, pp. 525 and 529). They are printed in vol. i. pp. 190-2 *supra*.

87. [p. 41.] 31 *July. S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*[1]—The king is satisfied with his sending to Harwich the ships that draw above 9½ feet of water, and has ordered the Success to come into Sheerness to clean. As to what he desires concerning an increase of men for the Deptford ketch, the complements established on the king's ships are not to be increased; but will speak to Sir Thomas Chicheley[2] touching a supply of ammunition for her. 'Upon consideration that the soldiers serving his Majesty at sea have their victuals allowed them without any defalcation for the same out of their pay, and that the victuals of the present land forces are in value considerably below the charge of sea victuals allowed in his Majesty's fleet, and lastly for preventing the evil . . . . of the soldiers running away, his Majesty is pleased to command . . . . that the victuals shall be given to the soldiers without any defalcation to be hereafter made for the same out of their wages.'

88. [p. 41.] 31 *July. S. P. to Captain* ——, commander of any ship at Plymouth belonging to the western squadron.—Convoy to be given to the Advice, bound to the East Indies, as far as the limits of the station.

89. [p. 42.] 31 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*—When the Adventure and Morning Star come in, to hasten them again into the Soundings to secure the fleets of merchantmen now expected home; for that purpose has written enclosed to Captain Tyrwhitt [*probably* 92]. Complaints have come to their lordships from the merchants that the commanders of the king's ships to the westward neglect their duties by lying in port, and so expose trade to the enemy's privateers. Desires him to hasten out again ships that come into Plymouth, and report captains that stay longer than necessity requires.

Postscript.—Enclosure for the commander of the East India Company's ship Advice [88].

90. [p. 42.] 31 *July. S. P. to Captain Grant,* Reserve.—Three months' victuals shall be sent him. Will acquaint the lords of the admiralty with what he writes concerning the liberty taken by the men pressed at Bristol to absent themselves from the king's service [98].

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[1] Comptroller of the navy. See *D. N. B.* i. 332.

[2] Master-general of the ordnance. See *D. N. B.* x. 231.

91. [p. 42.] 31 *July. S. P. to Captain Berry*,[1] Success.—Supposes him arrived at Harwich. Since no conveniences there, to go to Sheerness to clean.

92. [p. 43.] 31 *July. S. P. to Captain Tyrwhitt*, Adventure.—Since fleets are daily expected home from the East Indies, Barbados, Virginia, and other parts, the lords of the admiralty have ordered an increase of his force by the Norwich, Dragon, Speedwell, and Hunter [59], and two frigates from Prince Rupert's fleet [83]. To keep the sea with his squadron as much as may be, to stop the complaints of the merchants. Encloses a paper giving their opinion of how his squadron should be divided; but he is to use his discretion.

93. [p. 44.] 31 *July. S. P. to Lieutenant Butcher.*—To bring his pressed men [from Dover] up into the River [94].

94. [p. 44.] 31 *July. S. P. to Colonel Strode*, of Dover Castle.—In case of necessity, to furnish Lieutenant Butcher with money to bring his pressed men up [93 *and* 153].

95. [p. 45.] 1 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Herne*, merchant.—Encloses a copy of what the King in Council has done touching his late proposal about limiting commanders to 1 per cent.[2]

96. [p. 46.[3]] 1 *Aug. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—In pursuance of an Order in Council of 30 July, to prepare an estimate for 10,000 men's victuals for six months, and to direct the victuallers to provide it over and above the declaration of 30,000 men for eight months.

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret and Ed. Seymour.

97. [p. 45.] 2 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Binning.*—Desires him to continue sending news about the fleets.

98. [p. 45.] 2 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Grant.*—Is sending to the Mayor of Bristol [102] to see that the men pressed there by him [1] are immediately despatched to Portsmouth. Those that fail to appear are to be prosecuted [90].

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[1] The reference is to Captain Thomas Berry. Five officers of this name are mentioned in Pepys's *Register* (vol. i. pp. 324–5 *supra*).

[2] The reference is to an Order in Council of 30 July, forbidding the commanders of the king's ships to take more than the 'anciently accustomed and allowed rate' of 1 per cent. 'for moneys carried from place to place belonging to the king's subjects' (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 188–9).

[3] Out of order in the MS.

99. [p. 45.] *2 Aug. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*—Is glad that the French agent is satisfied.

100. [p. 46.] *2 Aug. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—To cause the Reserve and Success to be equipped for three months.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret and Edw. Seymour.

101. [p. 47.] 2 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Serjeant* [2] *Knight*, at Ipswich.—Returns thanks for his care in preventing differences between the land forces and seamen in reference to the sick [138]. The tents warranted from the master of the ordnance have been a good while since delivered at Yarmouth, so that with use of them, and the other helps provided by his care, 'in the hurry wherewith that whole matter was managed,' he should be able to relieve them.

102. [p. 47.] [*Undated.*] *S. P. to the Mayor of Bristol* [422].—Encloses order concerning some men lately pressed there by Captain Grant [98].

103. [p. 47.] [*Undated.*] *S. P. to Captain Wright.*[3]—To receive M. le Marquis de Sessac on board his yacht and transport him to the fleet.

104. [p. 48.] 5 *Aug. S. P. to Sir W. Walker.*—Asks his opinion on an admiralty case enclosed from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland [161].

105. [p. 48.] [5 *or* 6 *Aug.*] *S. P. to Captain Temple*, Mermaid.—To repair immediately to the Soundings, since many merchant ships are daily expected home that will run a great risk of being interrupted by the enemy's privateers [59].

106. [p. 48.] 6 *Aug. S. P. to Lieutenant Fudge.*[4]—To summon him before the commissioners to answer for pressing men protected.

107. [p. 49.] 6 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Trafford.*—To lose no time in convoying the victualling vessels to Portsmouth, and repairing thence to Guernsey. Also to convoy the Satisfaction laden with ammunition to Jersey [109 and 117].

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[1] *I.e.* Captain Grant.

[2] *I.e.* serjeant chirurgeon [861].

[3] See note to No. 66.

[4] MS. 'Fuge'; index 'Fudge.' Perhaps William Fidge, second lieutenant of the Plymouth (*supra*, vol. i. p. 349).

108. [p. 49.] 6 *Aug.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*—Will send a dogger to dispose of the recovered seamen and soldiers now at Chatham [110 and 135].

109. [p. 49.] 6 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Morgan.*—The Guinea will convoy the Satisfaction to Jersey, since she is already ordered to convoy another vessel laden with ammunition to Guernsey [107].

110. [p. 50.] [6 *or* 7 *Aug.*] *S. P. to Mr. Joy.*[1]—To sail to Chatham, and taking on board such men as shall be sent him by order of Commissioner Beach, to bring them up to Gravesend [108].

111. [p. 50.] [6 *or* 7 *Aug.*] *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to inquire why the Guinea is not gone with the victualling ships to Portsmouth. To discharge the company of the Revenge as soon as they can obtain money from the treasurer of the navy. The victuallers of the navy have this day left with him their report in writing 'touching the issue of some conferences they have lately had with the Lord Brouncker[2] in reference to Sir Thomas Clutterbuck's[3] business now in debate.'

112. [p. 51.] 7 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*—Hopes he will not take it amiss that the captain of the Deptford ketch hath not his desire of an increase of men [87]. 'We are very much to seek here where the fleet should be, that the vessels you mention should not find them off the Texel.'

113. [p. 51.] 7 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Reade.*[4]—Is sorry to hear of his want of stores, but hopes this will not stop his going to the Soundings, every day bringing news of the injuries sustained by the merchants for want of sufficient force there to suppress privateers.

114. [p. 51.] 7 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*—Will move the board to supply him with some money as soon as the state of their cash will admit. Fears it is at this time 'very strait.'

115. [p. 51.] 7 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Colt.*[5]—To lose no time in getting to sea again. The king has already otherwise designed the disposal of the Adventure should she become void.

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[1] Commander of the Buck dogger (*supra*, vol. i. p. 372).

[2] See note to No. 655.

[3] See note to No. 1166.

[4] See note to No. 46.

[5] Commander of the Hunter [26, 674]. Charnock makes him at this time captain of the Vulture (*Biog. Nav.* i. 221).

116. [p. 52.] *7 Aug. S. P. to Sir Walter Walker.*—In drawing the commission for Mr. Wren, Mr. Hoare, Mr. Brett and Mr. Holder, to allow them the same salary that they received under his Royal Highness, namely 2*d.* in the £ out of such clear profits (after all charges deducted) as shall accrue to the king by virtue of their commission.[1]

117. [p. 52.] *7 Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Captain Trafford.*—Since his letter to the buoy of the Nore [107] missed him, writes this to Portsmouth, desiring him to convoy the Satisfaction ketch bound for Jersey.

118. [p. 52.] *7 Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Captain London.*—To enclose a copy of his letter of 19 July [60] to Dublin.

119. [p. 53.] [*7 or* 8 *Aug.*] [*S. P.*] *to Mr. Serjeant*[2] *Knight.*—Thanks him for his favourable account of the state of the health of the land forces.

120. [p. 54.] [*7 or* 8 *Aug.*] [*S. P.*] *to Mr. Lanyon.*—Hopes that the difficulties he complains of touching the stop put to the payment of the moneys assigned to him upon the customs have been removed. There is nothing wherein his Majesty 'seems at this time to express more care' than for removing the capers with which the western coast is so much infested ; so the writer desires that he will not for a small matter decline the despatching forth the ships now with him. For preventing the complaints which daily arise of the neglects of the king's commanders when they come into port in the despatching of their ships forth again, desires him to hasten them out of Plymouth as fast as they shall come in, and also to report neglect.

121. [p. 55.] [7 or 8 *Aug.*] [*S. P.*] *to Colonel Piper.*—Prays him to hasten the Hunter and Morning Star, since every day brings fresh intelligence of some or other of his Majesty's subjects that suffer for want of sufficient force about the Land's End. This has led the king not only to write 'very pressingly' to Prince Rupert to despatch away a couple of frigates from the fleet [83], but also the Mermaid and Dover from hence, the former lying ready in the Downs for the first 'slatch'[1] of wind, and the other in the River, which he hopes will be also gone in three or four days. Entreats him earnestly to report neglects of commanders in giving due attendance upon the service they are designed to of guarding the coast.

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[1] The king only delegated a part of the admiral's functions to the commission of 1673, and all admiralty dues were reserved for his 'only use and behoof' (*supra*, vol. i. p. 38). The warrant to these four gentlemen, dated 1 July, is abstracted in *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 415.

[2] *I.e.* serjeant chirurgeon [861].

122. [p. 56.] 8 *Aug.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The lord treasurer's sickness has delayed their having his warrant for felling trees in Epping[2] Forest for the frame of the Woolwich ship [74, 200].

123. [p. 56.] [8 *Aug.*] *S. P. to Mr. Joynes.*—To bring Captain Knyvett[3] and the master and seamen of the Argeir now in his custody before a court-martial.

124. [p. 56.] 8 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Day.*[4]—To attend Captain Young with his yacht.

125. [p. 57.] 8 *Aug.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—To prevent the disputes frequently arising between the victualling contractors and the board touching the constructions of the present contract, as also for the better providing for the service, they have thought it expedient that the contract should be entirely reviewed. They therefore require the board to consult Sir Jeremy Smyth, as comptroller of the victuallers' accounts, and to transmit to the commissioners his observations in writing together with their own, taking care in particular to satisfy them in the two points lately argued before them by the victuallers and the board: (1) The antiquity, ground, and consequences of the present practices avowed by the victuallers of making good to the pursers (at their discretions) some part of the victualling warrants by money instead of provisions. (2) How far the victuallers of the navy are chargeable with, and what is to be added to the means his Majesty is already at the charge of, for preventing the 'insufferable evil' arising through the combinations of the victuallers and pursers in being obliged to the allowing victuals (and, it is asserted, wages also) to four or five hundred men on a ship where there are not at the same time forty attending on board.

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[1] 'Slatch' = a brief passing breeze.

[2] MS. 'Eppen.'

[3] Captain Thomas Knyvett had been appointed to the Argeir in 1672. According to Charnock, he was the first officer to disguise his ship in order to mislead the enemy (*Biog. Nav.* i. 87).

[4] Captain Richard Day, commander of the Bezan yacht: there were three others (*supra*, vol. i. p. 344).

Signatures: Ormonde, G. Carteret, H. Coventry, E. Seymour.

126. [p. 58.] 9 *Aug. The same to the same.*—They have ordered the Drake and Young Spragge to Woolwich. The board is to give order for their cleaning and refitting on their arrival there, and to have them victualled for 3 months for a war complement.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, Arlington, Ed. Seymour, G. Carteret.

127. [p. 58.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Colonel Piper*, governor of Plymouth.—The Barbados fleet with 4 East Indiamen has come to Kinsale under the convoy of the St. David, upon their way towards Plymouth. The value of the fleet is such that no means are to be neglected for bringing them safe into their ports; to which purpose the king's ships which they meet with are to accompany them into the Downs. Encloses a warrant from the lords of the admiralty confirming to him the power given him by his Royal Highness. The king has bestowed the command of the Adventure on Captain Temple of the Mermaid, and that of the Mermaid on Lieutenant Tapson.[1]

128. [p. 59.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Mason*, commander of the Dover in the River.—To send the names of the 6 men he left on board the Buck dogger, it being alleged by the master that he left none, contrary to the king's command.

129. [p. 60.] 9 *Aug. The same to the same.*—He is to lose 'not one moment's time' in getting out of the River. Captain Haddock[2] will supply him with a cable and also with an able pilot, 'it being the king's command, upon advice with his Royal Highness, that you do with this pilot turn down through the Middle Ground, by which you may see his Majesty's earnestness for your being gone to your station.'

130. [p. 60.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Anguish*, commander of the Deptford ketch.—He is to rectify the error complained of, that he neglects the convoy of Boston vessels in favour of those of Lynn [236].

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[1] MS. 'Topsam.' Cf. *Cal. S.P. Dom.* 1671–2, p. 230, where 'a vessel of Topsham' is written 'a vessel of Tapson.'

[2] See note to No. 209.

131. [p. 61.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Tyrwhitt* at Plymouth.—Is sorry that the law compels his resignation.[1] The merchants, 'whose concernments make them jealous of everybody's care on their behalf,' have complained of him 'upon the score of some supposed neglects,' but without personal disrespect, or any great success anywhere to his prejudice.

132. [p. 62.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Berry,*[2] commander of the Success at Sheerness.—When refitted to return to Harwich, to his former employment of attending on the ships there. If they be gone, to sail to Yarmouth.

133. [p. 62.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Grant,* commander of the Reserve at Portsmouth.—To get his ship fully manned.

134. [p. 62.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Binning,* commander of the Portsmouth pink.—Those that are concerned in the prize that he has retaken must apply to the lords commissioners for prizes.

135. [p. 63.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[3]—The dogger designed for fetching men has met with a stop, but will very speedily be with him [108].

136. [p. 63.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to the Mayor of Bristol* [422].—Desires him to secure what men he can that were pressed by Captain Grant [102].

137. [p. 63.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—Promises a convoy to their fishery at the latter end of the month [201].

138. [p. 64.] 9 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Serjeant*[4] *Knight.*—His letter of the 6th approved by the lords of the admiralty, as an instance of his great care to that part of his Majesty's service which must have preference given it to this of the land forces, whenever by an engagement at sea the care due to the seamen shall call for it [101].

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[1] Presumably by the operation of the Test Act. Charnock notes that in 1670 he commanded the Adventure, and then adds vaguely: 'From this period he appears to have retired from the service for a considerable time, as we find him no more employed till 11 July, 1686, when he was appointed, by King James II, captain of the Tyger' (*Biog. Nav.* i. 50). This letter, taken with No. 115, fixes the date of Tyrwhitt's resignation as between 7 and 9 Aug., 1673, and suggests the cause of it.

[2] See note to No. 91.

[3] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[4] *I.e.* serjeant chirurgeon [861].

139. [p. 64.] 9 *Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Sir Thomas Allin*[1] at Yarmouth.—The fleet is still upon the enemy's coasts, and their fleet has been within sight of ours. There will be a convoy for the fishery at the end of the month. Has acquainted his Majesty with the charge of the ships attending the land forces, and that their victualling draws apace towards an end; he is perhaps desirous to see a little further towards the issue of the fleet's engagement before taking any resolution touching these forces or the ships that are to transport them.

140. [p. 65.] 11 *Aug.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Desires them to enable him to inform the king of the state of the readiness of the month's provisions for the service of the fleet, Prince Rupert having desired that these may be immediately disposed of in victualling vessels for the answering of his sudden call for the same. They are also to inform the king of the weekly charge, as well of victuals and wages as freight, of the hired ships taken up for the use of the land forces. Desires the board to prepare an estimate for the lords of the admiralty of the money the king's service will call for before Christmas next.

141. [p. 67.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Williams.*—To attend him to answer for delaying seamen's wages.

142. [p. 67.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Caston.*—To attend to answer to the lords of the admiralty for his contempt of his Royal Highness's protection in pressing a youth belonging to the Preston ketch.

143. [p. 67.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Lhostein.*[2]—Not to sail for Harwich until further orders.

144. [p. 67.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Broad.*[3]—To discharge the supernumerary seamen on board him and deliver them on board the Phœnix.

145. [p. 68.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To respite the payment of the 200*l.* to the widow of Captain Peters until further orders.

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[1] See note to No. 87.

[2] Augustus Lhostein, commander of the Antelope, was a naturalised Swede (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 398, and *Cal. S.P. Dom.* 1673, pp. 235, 365, 485).

[3] Commander of the Young Spragge [366].

146. [p. 68.] 12 *Aug.* [*The same*] *to the same.*—To order the water ships and provisions for the fleet to fall down to Sheerness in readiness to sail. To inform themselves about 'the business of the owl-catching, and the person of John Pike, who pretends to be commissionated thereto in the room of Captain Steele, lately deceased.'

147. [p. 69.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Langley.*[1]—To make his propositions to the lords of the admiralty touching carrying over prisoners for Holland and bringing ours thence.

148. [p. 69.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Day.*—If any of the Dartmouth's men lately belonging to the Argeir are with him that were summoned to attend the court-martial on board him, he is to order them on board their ship [123 and 124].

149. [p. 69.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*—The lords approve his care in mustering the ships in the service that come his way. To acquaint his Royal Highness's commissioners for prizes of those that come in, in order to his being employed therein as formerly, they being now confirmed in the same relation [2] to the lords of the admiralty.

150. [p. 70.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Baker.*[3]—Has instructed the navy board to give direction for the speedy tallowing of his yacht. Desires an account of the reasons of his coming to Dover and staying so long there.

151. [p. 70.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Pinn.*—Has written to the captain of the Bezan yacht about sending back his men which were ordered from him to give evidence in the late court-martial [148].

152. [p. 70.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. St. Michel.*[4]—Desires him to put off his journey to London till the issue of the engagement between the fleets is known.

153. [p. 70.] 12 *Aug.* *S. P. to Colonel Strode.*—Thanks him for supplying Lieutenant Butcher with money, and will move the officers of the navy to see him reimbursed [94].

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[1] Master of the packet-boats at Harwich (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1671-2, p. ix).

[2] *I.e.* as formerly to the Duke of York.

[3] Commander of the Merlin yacht (*supra*, vol. i. p. 321).

[4] In this correspondence Pepys usually addresses his brother-in-law, Balthazar St. Michel, the muster-master at Deal, as 'Brother Balty.'

154. [p. 71.] 12 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Temple.*—The command of the Adventure and of the western squadron is bestowed upon him [127]. He is to secure the merchantmen now daily expected home from privateers, which are reported to be very numerous to the westward.

155. [p. 71.] 12 *Aug. S. P. to Robert Southwell, Esquire.*[1]—For the better securing of the East India ships and the fleet lately come in under the convoy of the St. David [127], he is to order all the king's ships in his port[2] to see them safe to Plymouth.

156. [p. 72.] 12 *Aug. S. P. to* [*Colonel Piper*].—Encloses Captain Temple's commission for him [154]; he sailed from the Downs in the Mermaid 2 or 3 days since.

157. [p. 72.] 12 *Aug. The same to the same.*—Since writing the above, has received the king's command to desire him to send the Speedwell, or Mermaid, or any other ships that may be with him westward with all speed to meet the East India and Barbados fleets now expected from Kinsale under the convoy of the St. David [155].

158. [p. 72.] 13 *Aug. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—They are to arrange for the transport of 35 men and horses from Dover to Calais.

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret, E. Seymour.

159. [p. 73.] 13 *Aug. The same to Thomas, Viscount Osborne, Lord High Treasurer of England.*—' After our very hearty commendations, the provision needful to be made for answering the many occasions for money which will inevitably attend the issue of an engagement, constrains us at this time to become very earnest solicitors to your lordship in that wherein we have at sundry times already given your lordship by Mr. Speaker[3] the trouble of our solicitations, and concerning which, as we are in general to observe that we do almost daily receive fresh instances of what his Majesty suffers in the delays (and in some cases total stop) of his works through the want of money, so are we at this time urged in the utmost degree to represent to you the two particulars following, viz.: the providing materials for the present refitting of the fleet, and entertainment for the support of the sick and wounded after an engagement; concerning the former of which your lordship has already before you the demand of the officers of the navy for 27,743*l.* [64], and for the latter, we have newly received a most pressing report thereof from Mr. Evelyn, who tells us that besides what is in arrear elsewhere, there remains at this day a debt of near 15,000*l.* in his single district of Kent, where the greatest part of that fresh charge which is to be looked for at the coming in of the fleet is likely to fall. In consideration whereof we find it necessary to become thus importunate with your lordship (it being also by his Majesty's particular command) that some effectual provision may be presently made for answering both those occasions, as that without which we have no ground of expecting his Majesty's service can be supported by us as it ought to be, and as his Majesty seems to expect, in either.'

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[1] See *D. N. B.* liii. 300. [2] Kinsale. [3] See note to No. 281.

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret.
Margin: 'Mem.: This letter was sent with a flying seal to Mr. Speaker to sign and dispose of as their lordships desired.'

160. [p. 73.] 13 *Aug.* *S. P. to the same.*—The expectation of news from the fleet hinders him from attending in person with the enclosed paper, the writer 'not daring to be out of the way of the king's call till this expectation be over.'

161. [p. 74.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir Henry Ford.*[1]—Sends him Sir W. Walker's opinion [104].

162. [p. 74.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*—Acknowledges his of the 10th inst.

163. [p. 74.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Thurston.*[2]—No addition of men can be allowed him.

164. [p. 74.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Grant.*—Will write to the master attendant at Portsmouth to send him a hoy or sloop to assist him in pressing men for his ship [167]; and will move the king for an order to supply him with 20 soldiers.

165. [p. 75.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[3]—To send what men he can procure to the Plymouth. Thinks it not worth while that a vessel should continually attend the taking in of men, as their coming in from the several ports is so uncertain. Agrees that it is advisable that the officers at Rochester forbear pressing until the quarters be cleared of the sick men about Faversham and Milton.

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[1] Sir Henry Ford was at this time acting as secretary of state to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (*D. N. B.* xix. 418).

[2] Commander of the Essex ketch [82].

[3] See note to No. 80.

166. [p. 75.] 14 *Aug. S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*[1]—Fears 'the Hard Bargain dogger will be found indeed to have made a hard bargain,' being fallen, with some other small vessels, into the enemy's hands. Will not fail to move his Majesty and my lords for a convoy for the Yarmouth fishery.

167. [p. 75.] 14 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Moore.*[2]—To send some small vessel from Portsmouth to press men for the Reserve [164, 182].

168. [p. 76.] 14 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Watson,*[3] Phœnix.—Approves his staying aboard to get his ship manned. Hopes for a supply of men from Chatham.

169. [p. 76.] 14 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Hudson.*[4]—His Majesty is pleased he should not proceed to the fleet, 'there being grounds to believe by intelligence from several places that the fleet is engaged,'[5] but should go to Rye.

170. [p. 76.] 16 *Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to the Navy Board.*—They are to furnish the Constant Warwick, now coming into the River with the East India prize, with 2 months' victuals to enable her to return to the fleet. To hasten the victuals down for the Success at Sheerness.

171. [p. 77.] 16 *Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Colonel Piper.*[6]—The king and lords 'have from all hands received so dissatisfactory an account' of the captain of the Dragon, as that his command will soon be in another hand [180]. The next ship that comes into his port is to sail to Weymouth to convoy some ships to St. Malo.

172. [p. 77.] 16 *Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Captain Berry,*[7] Success.—Has written to the navy board to hasten the despatch of his victuals [170], and doubts not that he will have the like done from the officers of the ordnance.

173. [p. 77]. 16 *Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Captain Baker.*—The lords of the admiralty are satisfied with the reasons of his staying at Dover attending upon the governor [174].

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[1] See note to No. 87.

[2] Master attendant at Portsmouth [1486].

[3] See note to No. 195.

[4] Commander of the Dover dogger [375].

[5] The fleet had been engaged on 11 Aug.

[6] Governor of Plymouth.

[7] See note to No. 132.

174. [p. 78.] 16 *Aug. S. P. to Colonel Strode.*—The lords of the admiralty are satisfied with the reasons of the Merlin's attendance upon him [173]. Bemoans the death of Sir Edward Spragge.[1]

175. [p. 78.] 16 *Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—He is to demand a file of musketeers from the regiment at Rochester to secure the men that shall be sent about in the Buck dogger.

176. [p. 78.] 16 *Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Sir Thomas Allin.*[3]—They have understood in general the issue of the late engagement.[4] 'In the mean time we have reason to reckon it no ill day, wherein, after such a fight, the king hath lost as we hear only the Henrietta yacht and but two commanders, though of them Sir Edward Spragge's miscarriage is alone greatly to be bemoaned; but here let me take notice of the good ears of your neighbours of Blakeney[5] and Wells, that could hear the guns so plainly all Tuesday, on which there was not one shot.'

177. [p. 79.] 16 *Aug.* [*S. P.*] *to Captain Thurston,* Essex ketch.—Thanks him for his advice of the 14th touching the Constant Warwick's coming in [170], and the motion of the two fleets.

178. [p. 79.] 16 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Lhostein.*[6]—Acknowledges his of the 14th.

179. [p. 79.] 19 *Aug. The Lords of the Admiralty to Colonel Piper,* at Plymouth.—Order that as soon as the St. David with the East India ships and Barbados fleet [127] arrives at Plymouth they are to proceed with all possible despatch to Portsmouth, and thence, failing further order, to the Downs. He is to send with them whatever ships of war shall be at Plymouth at the time of their arrival.

Signatures: Shaftesbury, Ormonde, Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret.

180. [p. 80.] 19 *Aug. S. P. to the same.*—On account of the ill execution of his duty [171], and not with any respect or consideration had of the matter of religion (whereof they could not yet take any regular cognisance), the king and lords have decided to replace Captain Chamberlayne[1] by Captain Trotter, of the Richmond [278]. Hopes for news of the arrival of the East India ships and the Barbados fleet [127]. The first frigate that goes to the Soundings is to convoy 4 ships now coming from Portsmouth to Plymouth under the convoy of the Mermaid, and to see them safe at Dublin. One carries ammunition for the king's service.

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[1] See *D. N. B.* liii. 419.

[2] See note to No. 80.

[3] See note to No. 87.

[4] Off the Texel on 11 Aug.

[5] MS. 'Blackney.'

[6] See note to No. 143.

181. [p. 81.] 19 *Aug. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*—The lords are satisfied with what he has done towards saving the pay of those who desert the service, by making them 'run.'[2]

182. [p. 81.] 19 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Moore.*[3] Thanks him for help he has given Captain Grant to press men, and desires him to continue [167].

183. [p. 81.] 20 *Aug. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Captain Anthony Young,[4] president of the court-martial for examining into the late miscarriage of the Argeir, having certified that the charge attending the same amounted to *7l.*, they are to make out a bill for the same to Mr. Richard Gibson, as also for his pay as judge-advocate from the date of his warrant from Captain Young to the day the court-martial ended.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret, Ed. Seymour.

184. [p. 81.] 20 *Aug. The same to the same.*—The Constant Warwick to be refitted and cleaned at Woolwich, and furnished with two months' victuals.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

185. [p. 82.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to the same.*—Two months' victuals to be put on board the St. Jacob dogger, appointed to attend on the commissioners for prizes, she being intended to carry back to the fleet some of the Frenchmen that brought up the East India prize.

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[1] This letter, taken with No. 171, suggests a correction in Charnock, who writes: 'In the following year . . . . the Test Act unfortunately deprived this country of Captain Chamberlin's future service. Having been bred a Catholic and continuing very steadfast in that persuasion, he chose rather to quit his profession than his religion (*Biog. Nav.* i. 331). The Test Act was only an ostensible reason [278]

[2] Apparently a technical term for stopping the pay upon the books. See note to No. 1358.

[3] See note to No. 167.

[4] Commander of the Plymouth [352].

186. [p. 82.] 20 *Aug. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*Prince Rupert*].—They are informed from Sir Thomas Allin[1] of his Highness's intention of coming with the fleet to within 18 or 19 leagues W and by N of Yarmouth, with purpose of staying there 4 or 5 days. They have grounds of expecting that the clamour of sick men for want of clothes will henceforward be removed, by care in supplying those in want of them with clothes to the value of a month's pay, and in causing the clothes of each sick man to be carefully sent off with him at the time of his being put on shore [65]. They wish that together with the Constant Warwick his Highness could have spared them another frigate, for preventing the mischief by capers which infest the whole coast along, from the north round to the westward, and for securing the colliers in particular, 40 or 50 sail of which have been lately chased on shore, for securing the rich fleet of East India and Barbados already arrived at Kinsale, and the Virginia fleet daily expected, and for providing timely convoy for the Yarmouth fishery. For answering these services they desire 5 or 6 of the smallest and best sailing frigates out of the fleet. Though his Highness's general silence to them concerning the wants of the fleet keeps them from any great apprehensions of its being under any present distress, they have shipped a supply of victuals for the whole fleet for an entire month, but do not know where to send it. Desire frequent advices concerning its state, proceedings and designs.

Signatures : Shaftesbury, Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret.

187. [p. 84.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Trafford.*[2]—The victuallers to stay at Portsmouth until further order. He is to await the arrival of the St. David from Ireland with the East India and Barbados ships, and to attend them to the Downs [127].

188. [p. 84.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*[1]—To despatch away the bearer by the Greyhound to the fleet, 'he carrying letters from his Majesty to the prince of greatest import.'

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[1] See note to No. 87.

[2] Commander of the Guinea [293].

189. [p. 85.[1]] 20 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Tracy.*[2]—To discharge the mate of the New Agreement, of Ipswich, pressed out of her in spite of a protection. Their lordships will call him to account at his return into the River.

190. [p. 84.] 21 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Mason.*[3]—Encloses a warrant from the king authorising him to take the command in chief of the ships in the western station.

191. [p. 85.] 21 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Joy.*[4]—To deliver the men brought about by him from Chatham on board the Phœnix, now in the Hope.

192. [p. 85.] 21 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Berry.*[5]—To sail to Yarmouth Roads, and there follow such orders as he shall receive from Sir Thomas Allin[6] at Yarmouth.

193. [p. 85.] 21 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Grant.*[7]—Wishes him success in pressing men for his ship. Desires to know what number are already belonging to her.

194. [p. 86.] 21 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*[6]—The writer could wish, with all his heart, 'not so much that the success of the late engagement had been better against the enemy, for that must be submitted to, but that it might have been attended with none of those disagreements among ourselves, and between us and our friends the French,' as from all hands he finds it hath, and which he fears, if not quickly taken up, may prove matter of infinite prejudice to his Majesty's service. Is troubled to find that De Ruyter, who as he hears hath not full 600 men, 'should have 200 of them made up of our countrymen and Scotch.' Care is taken for vessels to serve our coasts, and particularly to the northward, whence come frequent instances of mischief by capers. Is not concerned for colliers chased on shore, since they were so little concerned for their own security as to come out without convoy.

Postscript.—'The king having resolved forthwith to discharge all the ships attending for the transporting the land forces . . . the Success is ordered to sail to Yarmouth and follow your orders [192], whom it is intended you shall employ in convoying the said ships into the River.'

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[1] Out of order in the MS.

[2] MS. 'Trasey.'

[3] Commander of the Dover [196].

[4] Commander of the Buck dogger [195].

[5] See note to No. 91.

[6] See note to No. 87.

[7] Commander of the Reserve [75].

195. [p. 86.] 21 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Watson.*[1]—Sends enclosed orders to the Buck dogger for putting on board his ship such men as are brought about in her from Chatham [191].

196. [p. 87.] 21 *Aug.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Is in expectation daily to hear from him of the safe arrival of the East India ships and Barbados fleet at Plymouth [127]. Hopes they have met with ships to assist the St. David in convoying them to the Downs. Encloses a warrant for the commander of the Dover appointing him commander-in-chief of the western squadron [190].

197. [p. 87.] 21 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Trotter.*[3]—If still at Bristol, to make all haste back to Kinsale to assist the St. David in convoying the East India and Barbados ships to the Downs [127].

198. [p. 87.] 22 *Aug.* *S. P. to* [*Prince Rupert*].—Upon tidings brought this morning from Kinsale of the arrival of Captain Munden[4] there from St. Helena with three East India prizes and five ships of the Company's, the king thought fit to send his Highness an account thereof by express.

199. [p. 88.] 23 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Baker.*[5]—He is to sail with his yacht down to his Majesty's ship Prince, and receive from thence the corpse of Sir Edward Spragge, and bring it up to Greenwich.

200. [p. 88.] 23 *Aug.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for the speedy discharge of all the ships and vessels that have been entertained for attending the land forces lately designed for a descent on the enemy's country. The board to report what sums of money will be necessary for satisfying the whole charge of wages and freight. In order to enable them the sooner to bring into the River those of the said ships which have for some time been attending the said service at Yarmouth and Harwich, the Success has been ordered to Yarmouth [192], there to follow the instructions of Sir Thomas Allin, one of their number, with whom they are to communicate. The board to report further on the best way of disposing of the victuals remaining on board the said ships at the time of their return, 'as well the horse meat as men's, both what was laid in for present spending at sea and what was provided for the support of the forces on shore.' It is the king's pleasure that the board cause an estimate to be immediately prepared 'of the charge of building and equipping a yacht in lieu of the Henrietta, lost in the late engagement, calculating the said estimate by the dimensions which his Majesty hath pitched upon with Mr. Pett,[1] shipwright at Woolwich.' Orders have been sent to Portsmouth that the victualling vessels are not to stir from thence till further order [187]. The lord treasurer has been made acquainted with their desires concerning the timber in Epping Forest [122], and has given orders to the surveyor of the woods to inform him in the state thereof. They approve of the board sending in the Advice to Sheerness, as being the fittest place for despatching her out again and preserving her men.

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[1] Captain George Watson, formerly commander of the Swallow [38], and now of the Phœnix [168]. Another Watson (William) was now in command of the Chatham sloop [287].

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] Commander of the Richmond [278].

[4] For an account of Richard Munden and his capture of the three Dutch East Indiamen at St. Helena, see *D. N. B.* xxxix. 301. On 6 Dec. 1673 he was knighted 'in consideration of his eminent service.'

[5] Commander of the Merlin yacht [150].

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret, E. Seymour.

201. [p. 89.] 23 *Aug. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—The lords hope to make good their promise of sending convoys for the herring fishery by the end of the month [137]. They are willing to answer their desires that Captain Binning, in the Portsmouth pink, shall be one of them [237], and will grant them protection[2] for the men employed in the fishery in the same manner as was granted by his Royal Highness last year.

202. [p. 89.] 23 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Grant.*[3]—Encloses the king's order for furnishing him with twenty soldiers out of the garrison at Portsmouth.

203. [p. 89.] 23 *Aug. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*—Is hoping to receive by his next the good news of the safe arrival of the fleets from Kinsale under the convoy of the St. David, 'which we are in great longings for' [127].

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[1] See note to No. 500.

[2] *I.e.* from impressment.

[3] Commander of the Reserve [90].

204. [p. 90.] 23 *Aug.* *S. P. to Colonel Strode.*[1]—'Upon application lately made to his Majesty by them at Hastings and Brighthelmeston[2] for a convoy for their fishing vessels to carry them to Yarmouth, and inquiry thereby occasioned into the method of their fishing, and particularly the neglect of the Cinque Ports in not sending two persons yearly according to custom from those ports for the regulating the said fishing, a neglect which their lordships are informed hath conduced very much to the introducing great disorders in that affair,' the king and lords, by advice from his Royal Highness, refer the matter to him for inquiry and report.

205. [p. 90.] 23 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[3]—Has seen a letter of his, giving an account of some distress his Majesty's ship Prince is in for want of pilots, and that pilots cannot be procured for want of power to press them. In answer to this he is commanded by the king to direct him forthwith to apply himself to the Mayor of Harwich, requiring him immediately to procure, by impresting or otherwise, two or three of the ablest pilots that the town of Harwich can afford, to bring the Prince and the ships in company with her into the River. In case of no supply at Harwich he is to apply himself to the chief magistrate of Southwold.

206. [p. 91.] 25 *Aug.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[4]—He is to go down to Sheerness and the buoy of the Nore, and to send all victualling ships there which have victuals in for the fleet to the buoy of the Gunfleet, with instructions that if they find not the fleet there they are to follow such orders as Sir Jeremy Smyth[5] shall give them.

207. [p. 91.] 25 *Aug.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order to give the Bezan one year's pay; to pay the captain and company of the Henrietta yacht to the time of her loss [176]; and to pay the wages due to Captain Guy[6] for his service in the Portland.

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret.

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[1] Governor of Dover Castle [94].

[2] Brighton.

[3] See note to No. 261.

[4] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[5] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

[6] See Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 166; see also note to No. 7.

208. [p. 92.] 26 *Aug.* *The same to the same.*—Order for refitting and cleaning the Pearl at Sheerness and the Constant Warwick at Woolwich, and for furnishing them each with two months' victuals.

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret, Ed. Seymour.

209. [p. 92.] 26 *Aug.* *Warrant to the Navy Board.*—Whereas the fleet is coming to the buoy of the Nore, and the service calls for the speedy refitting of the same, they are to despatch thither immediately the surveyor of the navy[1] and Captain Haddock,[2] to join with Sir Jeremy Smyth, who is already there, in the immediate informing themselves of the defects of the fleet. No means to be neglected of despatching out to sea with all possible speed as many ships of each rate (the Sovereign only excepted) as can be put into condition to keep in the Channel three weeks or a month longer, making use of stores, provisions, and men from disabled ships. These to be sent to Chatham, Woolwich, or Deptford yards to refit.

210. [p. 93.] 26 *Aug.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*—Repeats orders of 19 Aug. [179] with regard to movements of East India ships and Barbados fleet after arrival at Plymouth. In these the king holds them very safe while the wind continues westerly; but if it should come eastwardly they must be watchful. The prince has sent Captain Robinson,[3] with three ships of his own more and two of the French squadron, to ply off Beachy, to clear the coast and give and receive intelligence.

211. [p. 94.] 27 *Aug.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order to pay the wages of Lieutenant William Harman for his service on the St. George.

Signatures: Shaftesbury, Anglesey, Arlington, H. Coventry.

212. [p. 94.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Washbourne.*—To bring the Stavoreen to Woolwich.

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[1] Mr. John Tippetts.

[2] Afterwards Sir Richard Haddock. He had been appointed a commissioner of the navy on 9 July (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 231), being specially charged with the care of Deptford and Woolwich yards [38]. See also *D. N. B.* xxiii. 427.

[3] Captain Robert Robinson was at this time commander of the Monmouth [359]. See note to No. 1367.

213. [p. 94.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir William Jennens.*[1]—The like of the Gloucester.

214. [p. 94.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to give order for the speedy refitting of the Gloucester and the Stavoreen as soon as they shall arrive at Woolwich [212 and 213].

215. [p. 94.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Page.*—To bring the Portsmouth to Deptford to refit.

216. [p. 94.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*—Encloses order forbidding the fleets from Kinsale [203] putting into Plymouth, and thereby losing time, which may render their passage to Portsmouth less secure.

Underwritten: '1 : afternoon.'

217. [p. 95.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Serjeant*[2] *Knight.*—Concurs with him in what he observes 'touching the increase of trouble to the diligence of one man most often given by the ignorance of another that would be thought wiser.' Is glad that he is likely to settle matters to the content of the poor seamen. Desires to have his account of the sick men better stated.

Postscript.—Cannot promise any present relief for the poor sick and wounded men.

218. [p. 95.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Joy.*[3]—The six mutineers to be tried by a council of war.

219. [p. 95.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*—The victualling vessels and the Guinea to continue where they are till something is heard of the fleets from Kinsale [203]. The body of the fleet is come to the buoy of the Nore, and Prince Rupert is come to town, the command during his absence being lodged with Sir John Harman.[4] He is to continue to give what assistance he can to the manning of the Reserve.

220. [p. 96.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*[5]—Since Mr. Moore has received positive orders not to stir with the vessels belonging to the office of the ordnance, he is to apply himself only to getting away those that relate to the navy office.

221. [p. 96.] 28 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*—

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[1] See *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

[2] *I.e.* serjeant chirurgeon [861].

[3] Commander of the Buck dogger.

[4] See *D. N. B.* xxiv. 410.

[5] See note to No. 87.

His care for pilots for the Prince [205] approved by the king. He has done well in furnishing the Invention sloop with necessaries without particular order.

222. [p. 96.] 28 *Aug. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[1]—The fleet being at the buoy of the Nore, the vessels at Sheerness laden with bread and cheese will be of great use to them.

223. [p. 97.] 28 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Temple.*[2]—Desires frequent advice of his proceedings. If he meets the fleets from Kinsale [203], he is not to leave them till they are in the Downs.

224. [p. 97.] 28 *Aug. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—The ships coming with the Mermaid, bound for Dublin, are to have preference of convoy over the vessels at Weymouth for St. Malo.

225. [p. 97.] 28 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Watson.*[4]—To send the French seamen and soldiers put on board him to their fleet. Hopes he will now suddenly have his full complement of men, and in a few days orders for sailing.

226. [p. 98.] 29 *Aug. S. P. to the Victuallers.*—To attend the lords to-morrow at 9 at the Robes Chamber about victualling the fleet.

227. [p. 98.] 29 *Aug. S. P. to* [*John*] *Evelyn,*[5] *Esquire.*—To attend the lords to-morrow at 9 at the Robes Chamber.

228. [p. 98.] 29 *Aug.*[6] *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for refitting the Gloucester, Stavoreen, and Portsmouth, and putting on board them 3 months' victuals for their war complement.

Signatures: Shaftesbury, Arlington, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

229. [p. 98.] 29 *Aug. The same to the same.*—Order for refitting and cleaning the Greyhound at Deptford, and for delivering to the commander of the Merlin yacht for her use the 2 or 3 tons of iron ballast which Captain Clements lately put on shore there.

Signatures: Shaftesbury, Arlington, G. Carteret.

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[1] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[2] Commander of the Adventure [127].

[3] Governor of Plymouth [127].

[4] See note to No. 195.

[5] Evelyn was one of the commissioners for the care of sick and wounded seamen (*D. N. B.* xviii. 80).

[6] MS. '39 Aug.'

230. [p. 99.] 29 *Aug.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[1]—Encloses a warrant from the king about the East India ships and Barbados fleet, hourly expected [203].

231. [p. 99.] 29 *Aug.* *S. P. to the Commander of the Antelope*, at Harwich.—Encloses order from the lords for him to convoy to the buoy of the Nore several colliers taken up to attend the land forces, as also some victuallers now at Harwich.

232. [p. 99.] 30 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[2]—The most pressing want of the fleet is shot for the gunners on the upper and quarter decks.

233. [p. 99.] 30 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Surveyor*[3] *and Captain Haddock.*[4]—To send their lordships a speedy account of their survey of the fleet [209].

234. [p. 100.] 30 *Aug.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—Is glad the Dover is gone to sea. Hopes she will meet the fleet from Kinsale, whose arrival they are all in pain for [203].

235. [p. 100.] 30 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Edwards.*[6]—There has not been wanting some complaint of his lying unnecessarily within the bar, suffering the capers that are without to do what mischief they please upon the coast.

236. [p. 100.] 30 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Anguish.*—Acquaints him of the fresh complaint against him for not attending the convoys of Boston [130]. Beside that the instructions he has received oblige him to take care of Boston equally with Lynn, the writer 'meets with so many persons concerned on behalf of Boston, and those of such eminent quality too,' that he is confident the next occasion of complaint will be brought to the king's ear in such a manner as may draw upon him very ill effects of his displeasure.

237. [p. 101.] 30 *Aug.* *S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—Tells them that the 5 ships undermentioned are appointed them for convoy to their fishery, whereof the Portsmouth pink is one [201].

Underwritten : Phœnix, Pearl [246], Drake, Portsmouth pink, Chatham sloop.

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[1] See note to No. 34.

[2] Master-general of the ordnance.

[3] Mr. John Tippetts.

[4] See note to No. 209.

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

[6] Commander of the Blessing smack (*supra*, vol. i. p. 347).

238. [p. 101.] 30 *Aug.* *S. P. to Lieutenant Rooke.*—Acquaints him of their lordships' satisfaction in his bringing up the ship.

239. [p. 102.] 30 *Aug.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—All endeavours have been used to procure men for the Reserve at Portsmouth, even to the sending Captain Grant to Bristol, and keeping him there no little time, but with small success [17]. Hopes of some out of the Barbados fleet when it shall come in there, or else from the Royal Charles, which is to be carried thither to be girdled. The lords purpose to have the misbehaviour of the company of the Hart dogger inquired into by a court-martial. The lords give way to their desires about guns and ammunition for their yacht, and an order to the master of the ordnance will be speedily despatched. Mr. Speaker[1] has again moved the lord treasurer in the business of the timber of Epping Forest [200].

240. [p. 103.] *Sunday night,* 31 *Aug.* *The same to the same.*—Signifies his Majesty's pleasure that the Roebuck be immediately despatched in her being refitted to sea.

241. [p. 103.] 1 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir John Harman,*[2] admiral of the blue squadron.—Upon consideration had of the many occasions that may arise for his conferring with M. d'Estrées, the king has sent the bearer to be his interpreter.

242. [p. 103.] 1 *Sept.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to cause the Country's Welfare, now at Deptford, to be forthwith refitted and cleaned and victualled for 2 months, she being appointed for one of the convoys to the herring fishery [246].

243. [p. 104.] 1 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[3]—He may in a few days expect the Duke of Monmouth on board him, with purpose to spend some time at sea with him in the Swiftsure.

244. [p. 104.] 1 *Sept.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order to make out a bill for 40*l.* to Mr. Phineas Pett, master shipwright at Chatham, for the rent of a yard at Ipswich, and for his expenses in journeys to Ipswich about building the ship ordered there but deferred for this year 'through the failure on the king's part as to money, &c.'

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[1] See note to No. 281.

[2] See *D. N. B.* xxiv. 410.

[3] Afterwards Sir Richard Rooth. See Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 28.

Signatures: Ormonde, Arlington, Anglesey.

245. [p. 105.] 1 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Pibus*, Fanfan.—To receive Captain Watson and company, with goods for the Duke of Monmouth's service, and carry them down to the fleet; this done, to return to Deptford.

246. [p. 105.] 1 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Watson.*[1]—Encloses an order from the lords for his being convoy to the herring fishery, but since it was drawn the Pearl has been exchanged for the Country's Welfare (now refitting at Deptford); so he is not to stop at the buoy of the Nore for her, but to sail directly to Yarmouth Roads. The Drake has been sent to Hastings, Rye, &c., to convoy the western fishermen to Yarmouth Roads. The Portsmouth pink and Chatham sloop he will probably find in the Roads when he gets there [237].

247. [p. 105.] 1 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Robinson.*[2]—Hopes he will give all imaginable despatch in taking in the victuals for ships with him, as soon as the victualling ships shall arrive from Portsmouth.

248. [p. 106.] 1 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Is sorry to hear of Sir John Harman's[3] illness. The lords do very much wish for the arrival of their survey of the fleet [209], the concernment everybody is under for the security of the fleet from Kinsale [203] making them 'full of wishes' that some good portion of the fleet were in condition to meet them and see them out of danger.

249. [p. 106.] 1 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—The Guinea has come away with the victuallers, and therefore cannot be sent as he suggests to look for the Kinsale fleet [203]. As for men for the Reserve, the lords do not know what to propound, unless men can be borrowed from the Barbados fleet to bring her about hither, where she may be manned out of the ships to be laid up, or that she stay till the Royal Charles come to him, who is to be laid up at Portsmouth. They are to let Sir Robert

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[1] See note to No. 195.
[2] See note to No. 210.
[3] See *D. N. B.* xxiv. 410.
[4] See note to No. 34.

Holmes[1] make use of the timber hoy at Portsmouth for transporting 100 tons of timber from Lymington to the Isle of Wight for the use of Yarmouth and Hurst Castle.

250. [p. 107.] 2 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Baron.*[2]—The frigate appointed to go out from the fleet for intelligence is to call at Mardyke, near Dunkirk, and take under her convoy a ship laden with masts for the king's particular service.

251. [p. 107.] 2 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Clements.*[3]—To fetch Sir John Harman from the buoy of the Nore [257].

252. [p. 107.] 2 *Sept. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Is under hourly expectations as well as wishes ' for the safe coming home of the Kinsale fleet [203].

253. [p. 108.] 2 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Southwell.*—Has communicated his of the 22nd to the king and lords.

254. [p. 108.] 2 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Grant.*—Has received his of 30 Aug. from Cowes, and is sorry to hear his lieutenant has had so little success in pressing. Prays him to use all diligence for getting his ship manned, for they cannot at present help him.[5]

255. [p. 108.] 3 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order that whereas the time of year is approaching for the discharge of a considerable number of the ships of his Majesty's fleet, they are to take care that there be no loss of time occasioned through want of books, and that in making up the books special care is had to the rating of the men, and to the rectifying the books by the muster-books that have been sent them from the muster-masters of the fleet and the clerks of the check of the several yards. They are to give notice to the lords what number of muster-books they have received this year from the muster-masters of the fleet; as also to see that care be taken before the pay of every ship to have the books cast; and that, in particular, the number of supernumeraries on each be computed, and the admiral's instructions observed before the officers of the ship receive their wages, 'that it may appear to his Majesty how far his clemency shown to them in the dispensing with their neglect of the said instructions the last year hath been answered by their better observation of them this'; and further to see that at the pay of each seaman that shall hereafter be discharged, his rate in the ship's books may be rectified by what at their personal appearance at the pay they shall be judged to be by the comptroller of the navy then attending, who shall take notice in writing of the abode of each man, for the more ready recovering of the said seamen when his Majesty shall next call for their service.

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[1] Governor of the Isle of Wight. See *D. N. B.* xxvii. 194.

[2] This letter is indexed by Pepys with Nos. 12 and 36, under 'Hartgill Baron, Esquire.' He was secretary to Prince Rupert.

[3] Commander of the Greyhound [56].

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] See No. 249 about the difficulty in manning the Reserve.

For the better encouragement of seamen who volunteered this year, the king's promise made to them at the beginning of the year is to be 'punctually made good to them, in their being exempted from being turned over into any other ship when the ship unto which they respectively belong shall come to be paid off,' and to that end a distinction is to be made on the ship's books between pressed men and volunteers. Persons claiming a right of common in Epping Forest have applied to the lord treasurer to oppose the board's scheme [122 and 200]; he will therefore take the opinion of some counsel learned in the law before he issues his warrant for felling the trees. The board is to see that the companies of ships intended to be laid up are forthwith put into petty warrant victuals during the time they continue in the said ships unpaid off. The Roebuck and the Country's Welfare, now in the River, are to be refitted and cleaned and furnished with two months' victuals.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, Monmouth, Arlington, E. Seymour, G. Carteret, Hen. Coventry.

256. [p. 110.] 3 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to Sir John Berry.*[1]—Order to discharge Richard Berry, waterman, lately pressed and now on board his ship,[2] since the victuallers of the navy signify his usefulness for carrying on the victualling of the king's ships.

Signatures: Anglesey, Hen. Coventry, E. Seymour.

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[1] See *D. N. B.* iv. 398.

[2] The Resolution.

257. [p. 111.] 3 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Baker.*[1]—To fetch Sir John Harman[2] from the buoy of the Nore [251].

258. [p. 111.] 3 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded.*—Mr. Cooper, one of their officers, having applied to the lords for a supply of money, the case is referred to them.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, Hen. Coventry, Ew. Seymour.

259. [p. 111.] 3 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Harman.*[2]—The king is very sensible of his illness, and the want he shall have of his service. The Merlin yacht is sent down to bring him up [257].

260. [p. 112.] 3 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[3]—The fleet being now at the buoy of the Nore, there will be no further use for the Buck dogger, which is ordered to stay here.

261. [p. 112.] 3 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[4]—Desires him to see that none of the ships intended for the transportation of soldiers or victuals neglect any opportunity of coming into the River, 'it being a thing much to be suspected that the pleasure of lying in freight, out of danger of wear and tear, will be a temptation apt to prevail with merchantmen.' To report any of them faulty therein, that the navy board may punish delays by deductions from their freight.

262. [p. 112.] 3 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[5]—They are in very earnest expectation of the arrival of the fleet from Kinsale [203]. Hopes the Reserve may be supplied with men out of the Barbados fleet [249].

263. [p. 113.] 3 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Berry.*[6]—The victualling and transporting ships being at Harwich out of danger, he is ordered to the northward.

[1] Commander of the Merlin yacht [259].

[2] See *D. N. B.* xxiv. 410.

[3] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[4] Captain Silas Taylor was storekeeper at Harwich. He is not to be confused with Captain John Taylor, commissioner at Harwich, who died in 1670 (see vol. i. p. 15 *supra*). There are a good many references to both Taylors in Pepys's *Diary*, from which we learn that the official referred to in the text wrote an anthem (viii. 58) and a play (viii. 317). Pepys did not think much of him in either line.

[5] See note to No. 34.

[6] Commander of the Success [132]

264. [p. 113.] 3 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Surveyor Tippetts and Captain Haddock.*[1]—Is sorry to find that so much time will be taken up for the fitting forth a small squadron. They are (with his Majesty's approbation) come to this resolution: That all the ships of the first parcel, which the board said would be ready in eight days, be fitted for sea as fast as may be; as also the St. Michael, and all the rest of the second parcel (under the second rate), which together make up the list in the margin; and that they be victualled for two months out of the month's victuals which was designed and said to be in readiness for the victualling forth the whole fleet. These Prince Rupert (who is going down to the fleet this afternoon) will send forth to sea (together with the French squadron), under the command of the Earl of Ossory.[2]

As for the rest of the ships, which need greater repairs, the first and second rates are to be sent up to Chatham to be paid off as fast as the treasurer of the navy shall be supplied with money for doing the same; and the ships put into a condition as soon as may be of being repaired against the next spring. The remainder of the third rate and under are to go to Woolwich or Deptford, as the navy board shall appoint. They are to take care that the seamen do not desert the service of the ships which are to go out, while their ships are under repair; that for the health of the ships' companies, both in the ships that are to be laid up and those going forth again, the ballast is carefully sifted and dried; that musters are taken, either by the muster-master or clerk of the check, of the ships as they are now come in, and likewise of those which are to go out again; and that the ships to be laid up are ordered into petty warrant victuals.

Margin: Royal Charles, Charles, Royal Katherine, French Ruby, Mary, Anne, Dreadnought, Yarmouth, Newcastle, Mary Rose, Falcon, Nonsuch, Pearl, St. Michael, Resolution, York, Dunkirk, Monck, Bristol, Foresight, Swallow, Princess, Hampshire, Sweepstakes. Fireships:—Ann and Christopher, Hawk, Jason, Hester.

Signatures: Arlington, Monmouth, G. Carteret, Hen. Coventry.

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[1] See No. 209.

[2] See note to No. 325.

265. [p. 114.] 4 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Andrews*,[1] Falcon.—To discharge Robert Leonard, his coxswain, in order to some preferment intended him on another ship by the Earl of Ossory.[2]

266. [p. 115.] 4 *Sept. S. P. to Colonel Piper*.[3]—Hopes that 'a few days will put an end to the trouble which our concerns for that fleet[4] doth necessarily give both us and yourself.'

267. [p. 115.] 6 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board*.—His Majesty's service 'calling no less for all possible despatch to be used in the setting forth again to sea that part of his fleet which upon a late survey thereof taken by the surveyor of the navy and Commissioner Haddock, is found capable of the same, than that due care be also had and provision made for the orderly disposing, paying off and repairing that part thereof which is to be laid up,' the lords enclose a copy of the orders lately sent to those gentlemen [264], and desire that the board will put into execution so much of them as relates to their office, 'particularly in the speedy refitting and victualling of the ships that are to go abroad, the distributing to the several yards those that are to be laid up, and putting the latter into petty warrant victuals,' as also into the best condition they can for their timely repairs against the next year; and in order thereto they are to hasten the estimate of the whole charge of setting forth the whole fleet next spring, and their answer to the late letter touching the victualling contract [125].

It being much to be feared that, what by reason of supernumeraries, and the transferrings, sicknesses, and deaths of seamen and soldiers in the present fleet, great numbers of tickets will be found at the coming in thereof, it is earnestly recommended to their care that the business of the ticket office be found in such order that the persons concerned in attending the said office meet with none of those delays or other occasions of complaint which 'to the great discouragement of seamen and dishonour to his Majesty's service' they have heretofore been found very clamorous under. This evil the king expects to find thoroughly removed by the recent establishment of a particular officer under the inspection of the board for the better managing of that office, and by their causing the instructions which were at the same time confirmed for his direction to be effectually complied with.

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[1] Thomas Andrews; there were two others (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 317–8).

[2] See note to No. 325.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] Probably the Kinsale fleet. See No. 252.

Postscript.—For the better securing the king against the frauds he is exposed to in the passing of tickets, the muster-masters and clerks of the check should send duplicates of their books to the treasurer of the navy, a duty wholly omitted by them.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret, E. Seymour.

268. [p. 116.] 6 *Sept. The same to the same.*—To transmit an account presented by Mr. Price, his Majesty's sergeant of the office of trumpets, for work done by one John Rivett relating to the kettledrums lately provided for and employed in the fleet. If reasonable, they are to make out a bill to the said Rivett, payable by the treasurer of the navy.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

269. [p. 117.] 6 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[1]—Thanks him for his timely news of the passing by of the Kinsale fleet [203], which since, blessed be God, is safely arrived in the Downs.

270. [p. 117.] 6 *Sept. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—[*To the same effect as the foregoing.*]

271. [p. 117.] 6 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Tippetts and Captain Haddock.*[3]—Thanks them for advice of their proceedings in despatching forth the ships designed for sea. To use all possible diligence.

272. [p. 118.] 6 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[4]—To acknowledge his advice of the departure of the transportation ships.

273. [p. 118.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Joy.*[5]—To transport James Pearse, Esquire, chirurgeon-general to the fleet, to the buoy of the Nore, in order to his understanding the true state of the sick and wounded men on board the ships there. After bringing him back, to hold himself at the orders of Mr. Evelyn[1] and the rest of the commissioners for sick and wounded.

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[1] See note to No 34.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See No. 209.

[4] See note to No. 261.

[5] Commander of the Buck dogger.

274. [p. 118.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Evelyn.*[1]—To acquaint him with the movements of the Buck dogger [273]. Thinks it not amiss he should send what present well men are now ready to the fleet by her.

275. [p. 119.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Thurston.*[2]—Approves of his shooting at the flag in the Danish ship.

276. [p. 119.] 9 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Colt.*[3]—Thanks him for his advice of the French ships come from Greenland. To give his reasons to the lords for coming into port without orders [369], and to lose not an hour's time in returning to his station.

277. [p. 119.] 9 *Sept. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—The king and lords are so apprehensive of the want of ships in the Soundings to secure the Virginia fleet, now hourly expected in, that they have ordered the convoys with the Kinsale fleet to return to their station. Promises to move for a convoy for the two barques bound from Looe to Havre de Grâce. Has taken notice to Captain Colt of his neglecting the Soundings [276].

278. [p. 120.] 9 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Chamberlayne.*[5]—His Majesty accepts his late offer of resigning his commission as commander of the Dragon ('made upon the score of his unwillingness to comply with the late Act of Parliament in the taking of the sacrament and oaths'), and has appointed the bearer, Captain Trotter, commander of the Richmond, to succeed him [180]. He is to deliver up the ship to him in the best order he can, taking a strict survey of all the stores and provisions, perfecting a book of the entries, discharges, and ratings of the ship's company, and delivering both to Captain Trotter, signed with his own hand.

279. [p. 120.] 9 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Trotter.*[5]—Sends him his commission for the Dragon by the bearer, Captain Preistman, who is appointed to succeed him as commander of the Richmond.[1] He is to deliver up the ship, &c. . . . [*as in the preceding letter*].

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[1] See note to No. 227.
[2] Commander of the Essex ketch [82].
[3] Commander of the Hunter [26].
[4] Governor of Plymouth.
[5] See note to No. 180.

280. [p. 121.] 9 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Stepney.*[2]—To convoy to Calais the ships at Dover having men and horses aboard them belonging to the Duke of Monmouth; and so to return to the Downs.

281. [p. 121.] 9 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Seymour.*[3]—Sends him a letter from his Majesty to take to the prince, together with a draught of the resolutions taken this night at the council in answer to his Highness's letter. The lords have received his Highness's two other letters of the 5th and 6th instant, and these have been answered by the king himself in his letters of the 5th and 7th, 'Except only the acquainting his Highness that, according to his advice in that of the 6th, his Majesty did on Sunday last direct Mr. Secretary Coventry[4] to write to Consul Paul at Elsinore that the merchantmen that lie that way may be ordered to Gottenburg, for preventing the necessity of his Majesty's ships going further than that place for their convoys.'

282. [p. 122.] 10 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for the John of Dover to be continued upon the service of preventing the exportation of wool.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret.

283. [p. 122.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Tippetts and Captain Haddock.*[5]—To put in hand the Chatham Double sloop[6] [285 and 286], and to hasten the other Chatham sloop[6] [287] to Yarmouth.

284. [p. 123.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Stepney,* Drake.[7]—The lords wonder to find by the list from the Downs that he is got no further in convoying the western fishermen to Yarmouth [246], and that, having been there

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[1] Pepys's *Register* gives 23 Aug. as the date of Henry Preistman's appointment to the Richmond: he had previously been second lieutenant of the Plymouth (*supra*, vol. i. p. 395).

[2] See No. 72.

[3] Edward Seymour was treasurer of the navy, and on 18 Feb., 1672–3, he had been chosen Speaker of the House of Commons (*D. N. B.* li. 312).

[4] See note to No. 1226.

[5] See No. 209.

[6] In 1673 Phineas Pett built two 50-ton sloops of similar dimensions; one of these was named the Chatham, and the other the Chatham Double (*supra*, vol. i. p. 292).

[7] See note to No. 72.

10 days, he has not written up hither to give an account of the reason of his stay. The fishermen have gone without convoy and are arrived at Yarmouth. To give an account of his delay.

285. [p. 123.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Portsmouth pink, one of the convoys appointed for the herring fishery, to be sent to Harwich for a supply of 3 months' victuals. The Chatham Double sloop to be forthwith refitted and cleaned at Sheerness, and victualled for 2 months.

286. [p. 124.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Perriman.*—To get his sloop[1] ready for convoy to the herring fishery.

287. [p. 124.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2] It is now a week since Mr. Watson, commander of the Chatham sloop [283], received orders to sail to Yarmouth to assist in convoying the herring fishery, but he is not arrived. Desires him to inquire after him, and if he be yet in the Medway to hasten him to his station and report the reason of his delay.

288. [p. 124.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Langley.*[3]—Captain Harris will be called to account for pressing the men out of his packet-boat [358].

289. [p. 125.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[4]—Thanks him for his advice of the 8th inst. of the approach of the colliery and Kinsale fleets, 'for both of which we were in no little pain' [203]. Notice is taken to the lords of great delays in the king's ships (and particularly the hospital ships), when they come into the port of Harwich. Desires him to hasten them out again as they come in, and to report any that are blameable in this particular.

290. [p. 125.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Perriman.*[5]—To go down the River as low as Erith, and take an account of all the king's ships, as well hired ones as others, that are on this side this place, hastening such as are fitting for sea, and in particular the Roebuck and Country's Welfare, and to present an account of their present condition to the lords. Also to acquaint commanders that they are expected from time to time to report progress or delays.

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[1] This letter taken with No. 283 identifies 'Mr. Perriman' as the Joseph Perriman who had been appointed early in the year to command one of the Chatham sloops (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 399). There was also a Captain John Perriman, who had commanded the Ostrich fireship (*supra*, vol. i. p. 392), and it is to this latter officer that most of the letters in this volume are addressed. He appears at this time to have been holding some official post under the navy board (see No. 290, *infra*, and index to *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673), probably that or master attendant at Sheerness [1954]. The two Perrimans are confused in Pepys's index.

[2] See note to No. 80.

[3] See note to No. 147.

[4] See note to No. 261.

[5] See note to No. 286.

291. [p. 126.] 10 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Broad.*[1]—To use all diligence in pursuing his first orders for attending the alum works.

292. [p. 126.] 10 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Grant.*[2]—The lords are very much dissatisfied in his ship's lying so long in pay with so little advance made in the manning of her [249]. They expect that he will use all possible means for getting her to sea, and that in order thereto he will take the first opportunity of sailing to Spithead.

293. [p. 135.[3]] 10 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Trafford*, commander of the Guinea, in the Downs.—Is sorry to hear of the loss of one of the victuallers and her men. He is to complete his victuals to 2 months from the victualling ships now with him, if they can supply him; this done, he is to order them to the buoy of the Nore.

294. [p. 126.] 11 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir William Doyley.*[4]—Has omitted no opportunity of pressing the condition of the sick and wounded on the lords, who have a very just sense of the difficulties he lies under for want of money. They have moved his Majesty and my lord treasurer with this effect, that besides some supplies of late furnished to Sir Henry Osborne for the general use of the sick and wounded, his lordship did on Tuesday give assurance that he would immediately provide some further sum. Has this morning given Mr. Evelyn[4] an account of it, and has sent strict orders to Harwich to remedy the evil he [Sir W. D.] takes notice of [289].

295. [p. 127.] 11 *Sept.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—The writer's last gave him notice of the safe arrival of the Kinsale fleet [277]. Captain Temple,[6] being at the Cowes when they passed by, came along with them, but both he and the other ships of the western squadron are hastening back. Desires him to further the despatch of the Dover again to the Soundings.

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[1] Commander of the Young Spragge [366].
[2] Commander of the Reserve.
[3] Out of order in the MS.
[4] See note to No. 227.
[5] Governor of Plymouth.
[6] Now commander of the Adventure [127].

296. [p. 127.] 11 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Hiatt*, Dove dogger.[1]—If his convoys bound for London are not ready to come away in a reasonable time, so that his victuals fall short, he is to come into Harwich for a supply.

297. [p. 127.] 11 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Butler*, Mary and Martha.—Acknowledges his advice of the coming in of the fleet.

298. [p. 128.] 11 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Skelton.*[2]—His Majesty has given orders to his Highness P[rince] R[upert] to send all the ships which came lately from the western station back again, if fit to go out; if not, others of equal force, since the expectation of the Virginia fleet coming in makes it necessary that a squadron should be there to receive them into their convoy. In case his ship be not in a condition to go forth, his Highness will direct to what port he shall repair for her refitting. Desires that he will give him notice of what his Highness shall order in it.

299. [p. 128.] 11 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth*,[3] Swiftsure.—There has been of late some uncertain discourse whether the Duke of Monmouth would hold his resolution of going to sea or no, but this at length seems to be confirmed [243].

300. [p. 128.] 11 *Sept.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—Will satisfy Sir Robert Holmes [5] about the lighters.

301. [p. 129.] 11 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Watson*,[6] Phœnix.—If the commander of the Portsmouth pink gets not credit for a new supply of victuals at Yarmouth, he is to go to Harwich, whither orders are sent for supplying her. He and the Portsmouth pink to go to sea with the fishermen that are ready, if the Bailiffs of Yarmouth think fit. Orders are sent for hastening to him the other vessels of his squadron, and a further addition of strength will be sent him from the fleet.

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[1] Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 397, makes Abraham Hiatt succeed in 1673 to the command of the *Dover* dogger! See note to No. 340.

[2] See note to No. 44.

[3] See note to No. 243.

[4] See note to No. 34.

[5] See *D. N. B.* xxvii. 194.

[6] See note to No. 195.

302. [p. 129.] 11 *Sept. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—A further convoy will speedily be sent them.

303. [p. 130.] 11 *Sept. Warrant to Prince Rupert.*—He is to give order forthwith for bringing in within Sheerness with all possible speed the Sovereign and the rest of the 1st and 2nd rates that are to be laid up at Chatham, in order to their being carried up to their moorings, there to be paid off and put in a condition of repair for service next year. The late directions for the discharging and departure of the French squadron to be hastened; and then the prince to repair hither to confer about the service of the fleet. The merchant men-of-war that came in with Captain Munden[1] from St. Helena to be sent up to Woolwich to be paid off, and the ships delivered to their owners. He is to consider what number of small craft must be kept longer abroad, to the end that the remainder may be immediately discharged. As many fireships as are capable of it to be refitted with all expedition. He is to send advice of having sent away the western squadron, or others in their room [298]. To despatch immediately [*blank*] ships to convoy the fleet of light colliers now bound for Newcastle, together with some other ships now ready in the River bound for Hull.

Headed C. R., and addressed 'To our most dear Cousin Prince Rupert, Admiral of our fleet for this Expedition.'
Margin: 'Entered in warrant book, page 144.'

304. [p. 131.] 11 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Tapson,*[2] Mermaid.—Writes in confidence of finding him with the fleet at the buoy of the Nore. Besides the general report of his well-deserving, the particular obligations of the writer to Lord Sandwich's memory and the honour he owes to Sir Richard Edgcumbe and his family make him desire to serve him.

305. [p. 131.] 11 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Robinson,*[3] Monmouth.—Hopes he and the rest of the ships with him were furnished with victuals out of the victualling ships from Portsmouth. He is to attend his Highness's instructions at the buoy of the Nore.

306. [p. 132.] 11 *Sept. S. P. to Captain London,*

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[1] See note to No. 198.
[2] See No. 127.
[3] See note to No. 210.

Norwich.—His Majesty has sent orders to his Highness Prince Rupert to send back to the westward all the ships lately come in from that station with the Kinsale fleet [277] that are in a condition of present sailing; so he is to attend his Highness for his orders therein, which will be according to the condition of his ship. He is to acquaint his Highness with what Lord Essex has directed him about carrying back the company of soldiers.

307. [p. 132.] 11 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Mason*, Dover.—Thanks him for his advice about the loss of the French at Greenland, though the news be not very welcome. The lords approve of his sending the Hunter to the Soundings, and would have him use all imaginable despatch to get abroad into his station, in regard the Virginia fleet are hourly expected. Has no ground of believing the complaint against him [128].

308. [p. 133.] 11 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Legge.*[1]—To repair to his ship with the rest of the commanders here in town.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Herbert.'
'The like to Captain Russell.'

309. [p. 133.] 11 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—To send the enclosed letter to Prince Rupert, and the others to the commanders to whom they are directed.

310. [p. 133.] 13 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for the freight for transporting the Duke of Monmouth's men and horses from Dover to Calais to be discharged by their office, but not 'other charges, either of customs or the like.' The king and the lord treasurer having been acquainted with what they lately propounded touching the necessity of providing more work for the workmen in his Majesty's pay at Portsmouth, or of money to discharge them, the king has approved of the enclosed distribution to the several ports of the ships that are to be laid up this winter, made by the surveyor and Commissioner Haddock [*see* 264]. This allots seven ships to Portsmouth, besides the Royal Charles, which, with chance repairs, should find sufficient employment for the hands there. The ships, as fast as they come into any of the respective ports, are to be put into a condition for being paid off, as moneys allow, and, that done, to be repaired with all speed. The lords repeat their desires that the board will report to them the sum requisite to put the whole fleet in condition of going timely forth next year [267, 320], and remind them of the victualling contract [125, 267]. The merchant men-of-war lately come in with Captain Munden are to be paid off [303]. They agree with their propositions presented in writing by their letter of the 5th instant concerning the disposal of the provisions for men and horse that are returned of what was this summer prepared for the land forces designed for making a descent upon the enemy's shore; and they are hereby authorised to dispose of them by sale and otherwise, care being taken to have a privy seal passed. They are to refit as many of the fireships as are capable of it, for the security of the River against any hostile attempt; and to report what number of hired ships are fit to be continued in the service and what discharged.

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[1] Afterwards Lord Dartmouth (see *D. N. B.* xxxii. 408).

[2] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, Latimer,[1] Arlington, G. Carteret.

311. [p. 135.] 13 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To cause the Dartmouth, now in the Hope, to be furnished with 2 months' victuals with all possible despatch, as also the vessels named in the margin, now also in the River, so soon as they shall be in a condition to receive them.

Margin: 'Fanfan, George dogger, William dogger, Hind dogger.'

312. [p. 136.] 13 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Tapson,*[2] Mermaid.—To convoy to Portsmouth the vessel in the Downs laden with pitch and tar for his Majesty's stores there, and such other vessels bound for that port as are there ready to sail, seeing them in safety within St. Helen's Point as he passes by to the westward.

313. [p. 136.] 13[3] *Sept. S. P. to Sir William Doyley.*—The lords have been this day attended by Sir Henry

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[1] Viscount Osborne, afterwards Earl of Danby, was created Viscount Latimer in the English peerage, 15 Aug., 1673.

[2] See No. 127.

[3] Written '17 7ber,' by a natural slip of the pen.

Osborne and Mr. Evelyn, in order to their representing their difficulties arising by the want of money [294]. The lord treasurer hopes in a few days to be able to supply him with a further sum; and the lords desire him to repair hither with all speed.

314. [p. 136.] 13 *Sept. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Desires him to deliver the enclosed to Captain Mason [*see* 307 *and* 331].

315. [p. 136.] 13 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2]—Acquaints him that the Royal Charles is ordered to Portsmouth.

316. [p. 137.] 13 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[3]—Thanks him for his account of the Chatham sloop. He is to give all necessary orders for her despatch.

317. [p. 137.] 13 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Stepney.*[4]—Advises him to follow his last orders [? 280]. The convoy designed for Portsmouth is committed to Captain Tapson [312].

318. [p. 138.] 15 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—They are to give directions about building the yacht at Woolwich according to their estimate of the 8th inst. of 989*l.* 10*s.* [200]. They are to take care, by the assistance of the auditor of the storekeepers' accounts, that the clerks of the control in the king's yards strictly comply with their instructions, that so it may appear to the board (with what they are to expect from the clerks of the check as to wages)—in order to their reporting the same to the lords from time to time—how far the master shipwrights comply with their duty as to keeping to their estimates.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, G. Carteret, Ew. Seymour.

319. [p. 138.] 15 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Young.*[5]—Has already signified the king's pleasure to Prince Rupert that he should have the command of the western squadron. He is to order one of the ships of his squadron to call at Cowes for 4 ships there, one of which has ammunition aboard for the king's service, and give them convoy to Dublin [180].

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 34.

[3] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[4] See No. 72.

[5] Anthony Young had just been promoted to the command of the Plymouth (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 432, and No. 391 *infra*). Pepys's *Register* mentions six other officers of the same surname, and of these two are named Anthony (*supra*, vol. i. p. 429).

320. [p. 139.] 15 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Surveyor Tippetts and Commissioner Haddock.*—The lords are very well satisfied with their account of their proceedings towards bringing in the great ships that are to be laid up, and the despatch of those that are to go forth [264]. Since the officers of the navy are not in a condition to perfect the estimate long since demanded [267 *and* 310] without the help of the surveyor, he is immediately to repair hither for the despatch of this matter.

321. [p. 139.] [15 *or* 16 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Captain Mason.*—To hasten out his ship towards Kinsale to meet the Virginia fleet [307].

322. [p. 140.] 16 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[1]—Thanks him for his advice touching the neglects of the hospital ships and other small vessels. Doubts not that the commissioners of the navy, if applied to, will furnish him with a boat proper for his work in ranging the river and taking musters where otherwise vessels would escape it. Nor does the writer much doubt that, notwithstanding his Majesty may out of good husbandry think it unnecessary to increase the charge of that place by the erection of any new officer, or bestowing upon the officer that is there a greater title, yet such a power will not be denied him as may enable him to deal with vessels that come into his harbour upon other terms than by way of entreaty; it being no less certain that the power of commanding them while in that port should be lodged in him, at least as far as concerns his obliging them to give an account of the reason of their coming in, the occasion of their stay, and the numbers and attendance of their men.

323. [p. 140.] 16 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Hobbs,* Levant Merchant.—Acquaints him of a complaint made to his Majesty by a French lieutenant taken prisoner by the Hollanders at St. Helena, against his master and gunners, to whom he had entrusted 150 crowns. Desires him to examine these officers, and to transmit their answer to the writer for presentation to the king.

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[1] See note to No. 261.

324. [p. 141.] 16 *Sept. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Desires him to hasten out the Dover for the security of the Virginia fleet, which is said to have arrived at Kinsale [331].

325. [p. 141.] 17 *Sept. S. P. to the Earl of Ossory.*[2]—Returns herewith the king's commands touching the putting on shore the soldiers, providing an additional guard to Sheerness, and other matters. His Majesty approves his sending in the ships mentioned in his letter of the 14th, and hastening out those designed for convoys, towards which the writer has this night written, by his Majesty's command, to the Drake, newly arrived in the Downs from Calais, to attend his lordship forthwith at the Nore. His Majesty does well like his care in getting a perfect account of the pressed men in order to the manning of the ships going out, which will be in want thereof by the taking out of the landmen. The king takes notice that the distribution of the ships to the several yards lately made by the surveyor and Commissioner Haddock, and by them sent to the king by Prince Rupert and confirmed by his Majesty, is not strictly followed. Not that his Majesty is at all dissatisfied therein, but he expects Mr. Tippetts to bring with him [320] a perfect account how the ships are now intended to be disposed of, in order to their issuing suitable orders to the ships and yards that may not interfere with those given by his Highness or his lordship.

Tells him that his commands are obeyed as to the officers' places he desires to bestow,[3] and the hastening down all the small tenders now aloft; there being an immediate occasion of employing a good part of these in transporting 3,000 men with the Duke of Monmouth to Calais.

He would have had this by the last night's post, but, by reason of the king's spending all that day among the East Indiamen at Greenhithe and Erith, his pleasure could not be timely enough obtained.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] In September 1673 Ossory was commander-in-chief of the fleet during Prince Rupert's absence (*D. N. B.* viii. 84; see also No. 264).

[3] Two pursers' places, and the command of a sloop.

326. [p. 142.] 17 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Baker.*[1]—He is to bring over from Calais the things belonging to the Duchess of Cleveland [336].

327. [p. 143.] 18 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Grant.*—Is sorry his ship is in no readiness and wonders at the 'throng of complaints' against him. The disorder between him and his company to be brought to a court-martial [329].

328. [p. 143.] 18 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. St. Michel.*[2]—The king approves his readiness to serve the Count d'Estrées with the king's stores in his custody. He is to continue in all things to give them the best help he can, taking care to receive 'very particular discharges' for stores supplied.

329. [p. 144.] 18 *Sept.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[3]—Has communicated to the lords the complaints contained in his letter of the 16th made by the officers of the Reserve against their captain, and those the same post brought of the captain against his lieutenant and officers [327]. The whole matter will be brought to a court-martial as soon as there are commanders enough in the port. This will not be long, as Sir John Holmes[4] and three ships are on their way, if they have not met with the same ill effects of the late storms as the French fleet, which was with them. These were all driven from their anchors, some into the Downs and others 'out of our knowledge yet what is become of them,' and the Bourbon, 50 guns, was run aground on the beach near Deal, and is in danger of being lost. Desires him to give the earliest notice he can of having 5 commanders together with him in port that may hold a court-martial, when a commission will be sent down.

330. [p. 144.] 18 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*[4]—Desires to know what condition he is in since the storms [329].

331. [p. 145.] 18 *Sept.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—The news of the Virginia fleet at Kinsale is a mistake, of which he is to acquaint Captain Mason if he be not sailed [324].

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[1] Commander of the Merlin yacht.

[2] See note to No. 152.

[3] See note to No. 34.

[4] Sir John Holmes, the brother of Sir Robert Holmes [249], was first captain to Prince Rupert on board the Royal Charles (*D. N. B.* xxvii. 192).

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

332. [p. 145.] 18 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[1]—Thanks him for his advice of Sir Samuel Morland's[2] proceedings. Refers him in other matters to the king's orders sent him this day.

333. [p. 145.] 18 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Stepney.*[3]—Thanks him for his assurance of the 17th that the Royal Charles is safe in Hill Bay after the storms [329].

334. [p. 146.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The king having by his warrant, dated the 17th inst., directed the Earl of Ossory[4] to discharge the land companies remaining on board any of his ships [325], with further directions that the commander of each ship should at their discharge deliver a general ticket, signed by himself and officers, of the time of entrance and discharge of the said men; in case the Earl of Ossory should not have had opportunity of signifying the king's pleasure to the commanders, the board is instructed to do so by warrant to the clerks of the check at Deptford, Woolwich, Gravesend, and Portsmouth, who are to make out the general tickets aforesaid, and deliver them to the chief officer belonging to the companies; in the same manner and number for the use of the treasurer and comptroller of the navy and Sir Stephen Fox[5] (by whom the soldiers are now to be paid), as they were done last year. The tickets of companies that are to attend the Duke of Monmouth into France to be immediately despatched, that they may be paid before going [325].

335. [p. 147.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[6]—Has considered what can be done towards putting the companies now to be discharged into a condition of receiving their pay, and finds it all to resolve into directing their officers to lose no time in their bringing their tickets to the officers of the navy so soon as their companies shall be discharged, and the despatch of the examination of the said tickets at the navy office by the proper officer there, so soon as they shall be brought them. Has himself recommended the matter with all earnestness to the navy board, and trusts that his correspondent will do the same to the officers of the companies [*see the preceding letter*].

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[1] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[2] For particulars of the life of Sir Samuel Morland, the inventor, see *D. N. B.* xxxix. 68. The 'proceedings' referred to possibly relate to his engine at Woolwich [see No. 357].

[3] See No. 72.

[4] See note to No. 325.

[5] Sir Stephen Fox was paymaster-general from 1661 to 1680 (*D. N. B.* xx. 134).

[6] Secretary at war [449].

336. [p. 147.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to the Commander of any of his Majesty's yachts that shall be at Calais.*—To receive and bring over to England what things shall be brought him belonging to the Duchess of Cleveland [326].

Erased, and endorsed in the margin 'Entered in warrant book.'

337. [p. 148.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Stout.*[1]—Has received his account of the 18th of the damage he has received by the late storms [329]. If his ship is not in a condition to go to Portsmouth with the anchors and cables she has left, she must stay in the Downs till further orders. Otherwise to proceed to Portsmouth and to signify his Majesty's pleasure to the same purpose to the commander of the Lion. To send up an account of both their wants to the navy board.

338. [p. 148.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Pett.*—When an estimate is presented by the officers of the navy of the charge of building the yacht [200], an order will be given for his proceeding in her, but before that be done it will be irregular to do anything therein.

339. [p. 148.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Wetwang.*[2]—At his coming to town, to inform the lords about Lieutenant Edwards [442].

340. [p. 149.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. Hudson.*[3]—He is to use all care possible to prevent the running away of his men, and for the supply of others in the room of those that have happened to escape from him. Encloses a press warrant, but he is to take care that he is not found 'unnecessarily spending of time in the impresting of men to the offence of the country.'

341. [p. 149.] 20 *Sept. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded.*—To prevent for the future uncertainty in their department, the lords require them, in pursuance of their late debate on this subject (the commissioners themselves being present), to establish effectual methods to their officers in the several districts and hospitals, and by virtue thereof to present them weekly with an abstract of the state of their whole action, wherein may from week to week appear: (1) The general number of the sick and wounded men then undergoing care. (2) The particular numbers thereof in each of the districts and hospitals respectively. (3) The weekly increase of the said numbers. (4) The weekly charge of the whole. (5) The decrease the same doth in each week receive, whether by recoveries or deaths. (6) The state of the particular debt arising therefrom weekly in each district and hospital, with the general debt of the whole. (7) The moneys received weekly, and by what proportions the same hath been distributed to the several districts and hospitals.

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[1] Commander of the Warspite [445].

[2] See *D. N. B.* lx. 388.

[3] Richard Hudson was commander of the Dover dogger [447], which is to be distinguished from the Dove dogger [296]. Charnock appears to have confused them (*Biog. Nav.* i. 397, under 'Hudson' and 'Hyatt').

The lords will expect this digested into proper columns for their readier view and information, and in such manner that they may receive satisfaction by proper vouchers in reference to any particular thereof concerning which they shall find cause to inquire.

And since to make this method applicable to the checking both the ships' books and the account of their own officers in the particular ports, as to the right discharging and re-entering of persons coming under their care, and thereby preventing the evil of having seamen borne at the same time both on shipboard and shore, it is necessary that their accounts should not only be so digested as that each ship's company may be brought together into one account for the more ready comparing of the same with the said books, but that the same may be performed so timely as to be capable of having the proper use made of it before the ships come to be paid off; the commissioners are therefore required to transmit their unarranged accounts, with as much frequency and despatch as may be, to Mr. Richard Gibson, who has been appointed by the lords, on the nomination of the navy board and with the approbation of the king, to reduce them to such a method, by collecting into particular books all the men of each ship's company, and placing them therein in such order, either by an alphabet or otherwise, as may facilitate the application thereof to the ends aforesaid by the navy board before they proceed to the paying off of any ships.

Signatures: Rupert, Latimer,[1] Anglesey, Ormonde, G. Carteret, E. Seymour.

342. [p. 152.] 20 *Sept. S. P. to the Commander of the Rupert.*—Encloses a copy of a warrant lately sent to Sir John Holmes (before it was known that the late storms [329] had parted them and he had been driven into the Downs), requiring him to set the soldiers on shore at Deal.

343. [p. 152.] 20 *Sept. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Acknowledges his letter of the 18th with the welcome news of the arrival of the Virginia fleet, which he hopes is on its way towards the Downs. The behaviour of Captain Cotterell, if truly represented, will find severe correction [346].

344. [p. 153.] 20 *Sept. S. P. to Lord Ossory.*[3]—Is extremely troubled that he should find any cause from his last to doubt the king's satisfaction in his sending up the ships. Sends his Majesty's further commands touching the supplying the French fleet; the king approves his choice of the French Ruby, and purposes to-morrow to discourse in council concerning the method he propounds for securing the Medway.

345. [p. 153.] Mark Lane. 21 *Sept. S. P. to Sir Robert Southwell.*[4]—Has just received advice from Sir Jeremy Smyth[5] and Mr. Tippetts,[6] whom the king sent yesterday down to Erith to survey the cables in the prizes, that they find but five that can be spared fit for the use of the French fleet—2 of 21 inches from the Alphen, 2 of 18 inches from the Arms of Camphor, and 1 of 16 inches either from the Arms of Camphor or the Paderborne. Desires a warrant from the lords commissioners [of prizes] for the delivery of them to the navy board.

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[1] See note to No. 310.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See note to No. 325.

[4] Presumably Sir Robert Southwell, the diplomatist, son of the Robert Southwell, Esquire,' of Kinsale, to whom No. 155 is addressed (*D. N. B.* liii. 300) He was secretary to the commissioners of prizes [617].

[5] See note to No. 68.

[6] Surveyor of the navy.

346. [p. 154.] Mark Lane. 21 *Sept. S. P. to the Surveyor and Sir Jeremy Smyth.*—Has sent a messenger to Sir Robert Southwell for a warrant from my lords of the prizes for the cables [345]. Will stay for an answer, and put the warrant into a way of execution, though not by the hand of Captain Perriman,[1] he being gone down the River on occasion of the Fairfax's miscarriage, which will disquiet his Majesty, though he will like very well of their going down to see what can be done towards saving her, and to inquire into the occasion of her miscarriage.

Orders sent yesterday to the Earl of Ossory[2] and Commissioner Beach,[3] as also to Mr. Tippetts[4] and Commissioner Haddock.[5]

Captain Gardiner,[6] of the Barnaby, has arrived at Plymouth with 40 sail of Virginiamen, having sent Captain Cotterell, of the Augustine, with 9 more into Bristol, having had a clash with Evertsen upon the coast of Virginia, who burned 5 and took 7 merchantmen through the cowardice of Cotterell in running away. 'However, very happy it is that the rest are come safe home, there remaining nothing now of that sort upon our hands but our ships from the Straits, for the securing of which all care is taken that the condition of our ships here will admit.' In order to which, he earnestly desires Mr. Tippetts[4] to hasten away the Plymouth and Dartmouth to their station in the Soundings.

347. [p. 155.] Mark Lane. 21 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—A warrant for the delivery of the cables [352 *and* 401, 345 *and* 346] will be sent them. They are immediately to appoint some person to receive and give discharge for the same to the prize officers on board the ships at Erith, and they are to take further care for their being transported with all possible despatch to the Downs. If necessary, Lord Ossory[2] will furnish convoy at Sheerness.

Desires to know if the vessels are in readiness for transporting the 3,000 soldiers to Calais, but more particularly those which are to go out of the river of Thames, which will be 1,200 or 1,300, and are now ready to be shipped at Gravesend and Greenhithe. The Duke of Monmouth is pressing every hour for their being gone, he himself purposing to set out on Tuesday next.

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[1] See note to No. 286.

[2] See note to No. 325.

[3] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[4] The surveyor of the navy.

[5] See note to No. 209.

[6] See note to No. 1112.

348. [p. 155.] 22 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. St. Michel.*[1] —His Majesty takes notice of his help to Monsieur d'Estrées.[2]

349. [p. 156.] [22 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Mr. Walsh.*[3]—To release a man pressed though protected, and to show reason to the lords for doing the same.

350. [p. 157.] 22 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Grant*, Reserve.—Shall respite any judgment concerning him or his officers till the court-martial hath heard both [327, 329, 507]. To lose no time in getting more men, that his ship may be ready for service.

351. [p. 157.] 22 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Encloses a copy of the king's orders touching the business of the French supply of cables and anchors [345–7].

352. [p. 158.] 22 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[4]—The king has thought fit to stop his sending away the supply of cables and anchors to the French fleet until he has received a return from the surveyor,[5] Commissioner Haddock,[6] and himself to what he has ordered touching the state of the stores.

353. [p. 156.[7]] 23 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Harris,*[8] Constant Warwick.—Has received his of the 18th from Yarmouth Roads. He may take men out of the light colliers who have protections if he well knows them to have deserted the king's service, but the writer does not see that this is possible except in the case of his own men.

354. [p. 157.[7]] 23 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Young*, Plymouth.—To hasten with the ships with him to the Soundings [346] to meet the Straits fleet, there being no ships left there, since the Dover and Hunter are come away with the Virginia fleet.

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[1] See note to No. 152.

[2] Admiral of the French fleet.

[3] MS. 'Welsh.'

[4] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[5] Mr. John Tippetts.

[6] See note to No. 209.

[7] Out of order in the MS.

[8] Captain Joseph Harris, who had lately been promoted to the Constant Warwick from the Nightingale for good service against the Dutch (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 233). Captain Leonard Harris ,who successively commanded the St. George, the Guernsey, and the Success during 1673, was also an officer of some note (*ib.* i. 234). Charnock also mentions a Captain John Harris (*ib.* i. 396).

355. [p. 158.] 23 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Narbrough.*[1] —Encloses the king's orders in two or three particulars, amongst which the writer is to press him to use all despatch in sending out the Greyhound and the sloops to the fishery, the season of the year greatly requiring it. Promises to speak for Clowdisley Shovell to be lieutenant of the Henrietta.[2] Knows not how to furnish him with the dogger he writes for to attend him in impresting men, since most of the small craft are to be employed in carrying over land soldiers to Calais. Desires a list of all the ships with him, the condition they are in as to victuals, &c., and how intended to be disposed of. Had hoped the Hull men had gone with the light colliers under the same convoy; if not, he is to send the Drake and Roebuck with them. He is to press the Dartmouth, Norwich, and Morning Star 'with all possible earnestness' to be gone to the westward, the fleet hourly looked for from the Straits 'being otherwise likely to come into great danger.' The backwardness of the Chatham and Woolwich sloops has been excused by their commanders being said to be in durance on board the fleet; prays him to inquire.

356. [p. 159.] [23 *or* 24 *Sept.*] *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for the Woolwich sloop to be furnished with two months' victuals.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, E. Seymour.

357. [p. 160.] 24 *Sept. The same to the same.*—Whereas Sir Samuel Morland[3] has set up an engine at Woolwich 'for the raising and delivery of great quantities of water with a less proportion of strength than hath hitherto been practised,' and has undertaken to transport it to Chatham, where by wind 'or the easy labour of an horse when at any time the wind shall fail' it may 'clear that dock of the water with which it is continually annoyed,' and may remain in a constant condition of service and repair for seven years; the board is to make out a bill to Sir Samuel Morland for 350*l.*

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[1] For the career of Captain, afterward Sir John, Narbrough, see *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[2] Clowdisley Shovell was appointed lieutenant of Narbrough's ship, the Henrietta, on 25 Sept. (*D. N. B.* lii. 159). Both Narbrough and Shovell belonged to Cockthorpe, in Norfolk.

[3] For the career of Sir Samuel Morland, the inventor, see *D. N. B.* xxxix. 68

Signatures: The same. This replaces a cancelled letter of 20 Sept. entered on p. 149.

358. [p. 160.] 24 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Langley.*[1]—The master of the packet-boat at Harwich, out of which Captain Harris, of the Guernsey,[2] pressed three protected men, is to make affidavit of the facts, as the lords intend to call Captain Harris to account [379].

359. [p. 161.] 24 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Robinson,*[3] Monmouth.—Not to come to town until his ship be moored.

360. [p. 161.] 24 *Sept.* [*S. P.*] *to Captain Narbrough.*[4]—As chief officer on the place, to put on shore all the companies of land soldiers that remain undischarged, the captain and officers of each ship making out one general ticket for each company. Lieutenant Watts, who went out in the St. Michael, is to come up to town to receive his Majesty's pleasure for another employment.[5]

361. [p. 162.] 24 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*[6]—Acknowledges the good tidings of the safety of his ships. The French have demanded so many cables and anchors to supply what the late storms have cost them, that his commanders must make what shift they can to get to Portsmouth without a fresh supply. Will communicate to his Majesty and the lords what he mentions about Count d'Estrées joining in setting the watch in the Downs [383].

362. [p. 162.] [24 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Major Darell.*[7]—The lords approve his sending up the Welcome smack, and desire him to send up the other also, the service being over for which they were taken up [365].

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[1] See note to No. 147.

[2] Captain Leonard Harris. See note to No. 353.

[3] See note to No. 210.

[4] See note to No. 355.

[5] James Watts, who had been serving as first lieutenant of the St. Michael, was made commander of the Augustine, hired ship of war, on 30 Sept. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 421) in succession to Captain Cotterell [see No. 346].

[6] See *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

[7] Governor of Sheerness.

363. [p. 162.] [24 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Captain Trafford.*[1]—To send word of the condition of his ship.

364. [p. 163.] 24 *Sept.* [*S. P.*] *to Captain Reade.*[2]—If he overtake not Captain Young[3] before he departs from the Downs, he is to repair to his station in the Soundings and look out for the Straits fleet.

365. [p. 163.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To discharge the two smacks that lay at Sheerness, taken up for carrying intelligence. One of them is already come up the River [362].

366. [p. 163.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Broad,* Young Spragge.—Hopes he will continue his diligence.

367. [p. 164.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain White,* Hatton ketch.—Must not expect an increase in his men because his guns were increased at his own desire ; besides the lords think it fitting to come to some more certain terms touching the use of the vessel and the share his Majesty bears in the charge of it.

368. [p. 164.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Binning,* Portsmouth pink.—The navy board will answer his bills of 80*l.* taken up at Yarmouth for necessaries for his ship. To lose no time in getting out to sea again.

369. [p. 164.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Colt.*[4]—His defence is so far satisfactory that the lords will not proceed further, but expect that he should send up the paper he mentions for his further justification [276]. To be careful in following such orders as he shall receive from the commander-in-chief of the western squadron.

370. [p. 165.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—Is sorry the Virginia fleet are put back again, and some of them received so much damage by the storms [329]. Cannot furnish him with convoy for the two ships at Looe bound for Havre de Grâce until the Straits fleet are in and the western squadron more at liberty.

371. [p. 165.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Gardiner.*[6]—On his arrival in the Downs with the Virginia fleet, his Majesty will examine into the behaviour of his ship and the Augustine, and will take such notice of Captain Cotterell's failure as his behaviour shall deserve [346].

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[1] Commander of the Guinea [293].

[2] See note to No. 46.

[3] See note to No. 319.

[4] Commander of the Hunter [26].

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

[6] Commander of the Barnaby [346]

372. [p. 165.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Mason*, Dover.[1]—Is sorry for the stop he met with in coming away with the fleet under his convoy. Desires him to use all diligence in coming away, so that he may be at liberty to return to his station, where the Straits fleet may be daily expected.

373. [p. 166.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2]—The weather having blown back into the Downs the ships depended on for making up a court-martial at Portsmouth, the deciding of the differences between the commander and officers of the Reserve will be too long delayed [350]. Desires information (1) whether in the condition in which the ship lies by reason of those differences the service the king expects from her is likely to be performed as it ought to be; (2) whether Captain Grant is a man that will be disordered by drink; (3) whether it be true what he wrote, that his officers are ashamed of what they have charged him with, and do renounce it.

374. [p. 166.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Joy*, Buck dogger.—Finds by the daily lists from the Downs that he has been there some days, and he is told that he has not attended, according to his orders, on the commissioners for sick and wounded seamen [273]. Desires him to send up an account of how he has spent his time.

375. [p. 167.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Hudson*,[3] Dover dogger.—Finds he has pressed two men out of a small vessel employed to bring stone from Portland for the public buildings of London, and which had a protection from the Duke of York dated in May last. Desires him to discharge them forthwith, for he must know that such of the duke's protections as are not out of date are still in force.

376. [p. 167.] 26 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Bridgeman.*[4]—He is to discharge the company of soldiers on board him belonging to Lord Widdrington's[5] regiment, making them out a general ticket for their wages.

377. [p. 167.] 26 *Sept.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The stores they are sending to the French fleet to be directed to Portsmouth, in case on arrival in the Downs they should find it gone.

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[1] *I.e.* the ship.

[2] See note to No. 34.

[3] See note to No. 340.

[4] Commander of the Greenwich [942].

[5] MS. 'Witherington.'

378. [p. 168.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Narbrough.*[1]—To repair to London for informing his Majesty in the state of his ships.

379. [p. 168.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[2]—If the protection was not shown to Captain Harris, little blame is like to fall to his share; if otherwise, neither the king nor the lords will think it sufferable that the very packet-boats should be rifled and the whole service of them disappointed at the pleasure of one disorderly officer [358 *and* 419].

380. [p. 169.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to Lieutenant Godwin.*—Desires him to inform himself of the reason of the Dartmouth's delay.

381. [p. 169.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Cotterell,* Augustine.—To keep his company in good order till he can be supplied with stores and victuals for enabling him to go to sea again.

382. [p. 169.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—Hopes that the ships now on their way to the Soundings will clear the coast of Scilly from the capers he mentions.

383. [p. 170.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*[4]—Is sorry for the hindrance he meets with in his voyage to Portsmouth, which the sickness of his company renders the more painful to him. His Majesty thinks that while they are here the French are to be reputed part of his own fleet, and so Monsieur d'Estrées had a right to set the watch [361].

384. [p. 170.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Grant.*[5]—He is to keep the twenty soldiers on board him, the orders sent to the clerk of the check for clearing the soldiers being intended only for such ships as had whole companies of them on board [334].

385. [p. 170.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[6]—The lords approve his having supplied a French ship with an anchor, and his giving advice thereof to the officers of the navy in order to the said ship's being charged therewith.

386. [p. 171.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Acquaints them of the ill condition of the Augustine, now at Bristol. They are to arrange with her owners for stores and refitting, and to give order for her being furnished with the provisions needful for bringing her about into the river of Thames. As to the sickness of her company, he will write to the commissioners for sick and wounded [387].

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[1] See note to No. 355.

[2] See note to No. 243.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

[5] Commander of the Reserve [350].

[6] See note to No. 261.

387. [p. 172.] 27 *Sept.* *S. P. to the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded.*—To make some provision for the Augustine's sick and wounded men at Bristol, and to enable them to come about with the ship so soon as she shall be fitted for her voyage hither [386].

388. [p. 172.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Commissioner Haddock.*[1]—For hastening away the anchors and cables designed for the French fleet [389].

389. [p. 173.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—Encloses a letter [388] for him to peruse and forward. Desires his assistance also in hastening away the cables and anchors to the French fleet in the Downs.

390. [p. 173.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Narbrough.*[3]—To discharge a man pressed by his master though protected, and to examine his master and report his answer to the lords.

391. [p. 173.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Mason,* Dover.—He is to return from the Downs to his station in the Soundings, together with the Hunter, and there look out for the Turkey ships daily expected and convoy them unto the Downs. The king has added several ships to the western squadron, and has given the command of it to Captain Young, commander of the Plymouth, whose orders he is to follow [402]. There are no grounds at all for the report he has met with that a war is declared between his Majesty and Spain.

Margin: 'Ships added to the western squadron:' Plymouth, Nonsuch, Norwich, Pearl, Mermaid, Morning Star, Dartmouth.

392. [p. 174.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Berry,*[4] Success.—To continue to attend the convoying the ship with masts.

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[1] See note to No. 209.

[2] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[3] See note to No. 355.

[4] See note to No. 132.

393. [p. 174.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Gardiner*, Barnaby.—Is glad to hear of his safe arrival in the Downs with his convoys [346]. He is to bring his ship into the River as high as Woolwich.

394. [p. 174.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[1]—Thanks him for his of the 27th.

395. [p. 174.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Thurston*, Essex ketch.—Is glad he secured his convoys so well from the Dutch caper that attempted them.

396. [p. 175.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir William Doyley.*—The writer's letter related only to taking care of the sick and wounded on board the Augustine, her other wants being otherwise provided for [387].

397. [p. 175.] 29 *Sept.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2]—He will receive his Majesty's determination about Captain Grant [373].

398. [p. 175.] 30 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Clarke.*[3]—To discharge the bearer, a volunteer on board his ship, with a ticket for his wages, he having an opportunity of employing himself to his advantage and the better support of his family on shore this winter, and certainly intending to return to his Majesty's service in the spring.

399. [p. 176.] 30 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[4]—He is to go with the first convoy designed this year for the Straits as commander-in-chief thereof.

400. [p. 176.] [30 *Sept.*] *S. P. to the Contractors for Victualling.*—Encloses copies of the observations of the navy board about the victualling contract, and invites a reply from them in writing [125].

401. [p. 177.] 30 *Sept.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[5]—Informs him of what the king has ordered in relation to that part of the French fleet now driven into the Downs 'through distress of weather': That upon consideration, as well of the necessity of supplying them with stores to enable them to go home as that of not disfurnishing the king's own stores, they are to have half their demand supplied and no more, and that supply has already gone towards the Downs, with directions to follow Monsieur d'Estrées to Portsmouth if necessary. In case of further demands from the French, he is to inform himself what may be absolutely necessary, and to send up advice thereof hither, with the condition his Majesty's stores with him are in to answer the same. This method the king is rather pleased to use in regard that he in his letter seemed to imply that the wants of the Glorieux were answered by one cable and one anchor, though the application from the French ambassador was that not less than two cables would serve [345–7, 352, 438].

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[1] See note to No. 261.

[2] See note to No. 34.

[3] Captain Henry Clarke (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 218) was at this time in command of the York [825]. Pepys's *Register* also mentions a Thomas Clarke of this period, who was appointed commander of the Well dogger, 10 Nov. 1673; and three others (*supra*, vol. i. p. 335).

[4] See note to No. 243.

[5] See note to No. 34.

402. [p. 178.] [30 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Captain Mason.*—Captain Young's being commander-in-chief of the western squadron is not out of disrespect to him [391]. As to the ships at Morlaix for which convoy is desired, the king and lords desire first to provide for the security of the fleet expected hourly from the Straits.

403. [p. 179.] 30 *Sept. S. P. to Lieutenant Stewart.*[1]—His complaint concerning the abuses offered him by his commander is to be examined by a court-martial [329, 407] as soon as there shall be a sufficient number of captains on the place, which may be expected on the arrival of Sir John Holmes,[2] who with several ships is going about to Portsmouth.

404. [p. 179.] [30 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Captain Watson.*[3]—His Majesty does not think it reasonable to increase his complement.

Postscript.—Besides the vessels already with him, those undernamed are to assist in convoying the fishery: Country's Welfare, Greyhound, Kitchen yacht, Chatham sloop, Lily dogger, Chatham Double,[4] Hound sloop, Vulture sloop, Prevention sloop.

405. [p. 179.] [30 *Sept.*] *S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—The undermentioned have this day received orders to attend the fishery, and will arrive in a few days.

Margin [*cf.* the foregoing]: Phœnix, Constant Warwick, Portsmouth pink, Country's Welfare, Greyhound, Kitchen yacht, Chatham sloop, Lily dogger, Chatham Double,[4] Hound sloop, Vulture sloop, Prevention sloop.

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[1] Lieutenant of the Reserve (*supra*, vol. i. p. 410).

[2] *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

[3] See note to No. 195.

[4] See note to No. 283.

406. [p. 180.] 30 *Sept.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—The Virginia fleet is safely arrived in the River. Their great care is now for the security of the Straits fleet, now daily expected; his Majesty has therefore appointed the ships undernamed to be of the western squadron, under Captain Young, commander of the Plymouth, who is now on his way to his station, and most of his ships with him. The others are in the Downs ready to take the first favourable wind for following him.

Margin: 'Plymouth, Dover, Mermaid, Hunter, Nonsuch, Norwich, Pearl, Dartmouth, Morning Star.'

407. [p. 180.] [30 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Captain Grant.*—The business with his lieutenant [403] is to be brought to a court-martial as soon as commanders shall come to Portsmouth sufficient to hold it [421].

408. [p. 180.] [30 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Mr. Houseman.*—Will procure him satisfaction for his expense in the extra expresses. Thanks him for his information of the proceedings of the French fleet.

409. [p. 181.] 30 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Anguish,* Deptford ketch.—When he comes to the southward with the fleet of corn vessels, he is to come into Sheerness to refit and clean.

410. [p. 181.] [30 *Sept.*] *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[2]—To put the vessels sent to Harwich in readiness to receive on board them the soldiers expected in a day or two.

411. [p. 181.] 1 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The lords of the admiralty purpose to visit them at the navy office to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

412. [p. 182.] 1 *Oct.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the same.*—They are informed by Mr. Speaker[3] that, notwithstanding the king's orders of 8 Sept., no books appear yet prepared for enabling him to proceed to the paying off of the great ships; they therefore desire the board to report on the true reason of this delay. And forasmuch as this evil cannot be expected to be removed while the liberty is permitted which the lords daily observe to be taken by commanders upon the coming in of the fleet to leave their ships and stay at their own pleasures on shore, without any regard to the 7th[1] and 29th[2] articles of the lord high admiral's instructions, the board are to take care that the commanders are pricked out of pay for their time of absence since the fleet's coming in; and that for the time to come it be looked upon as a standing rule in the navy that commanders of ships be subject to the musters of the clerks of the check and muster-masters, and their absences from on board noted upon the books in the same manner as the absences of the rest of the ship's company are, and their pay thereupon stopped, until they can justify their said absences by order either from the lords themselves or from their superior officers [527]. The lords also direct that where any time shall now or hereafter appear to have been lost in the seasonable providing of books for the discharging of a ship's company through any neglect of the commander, the value of the charge thereof occasioned to the king be represented to the lords before the commander is paid.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 261.

[3] See note to No. 281.

And whereas they are further informed by Mr. Speaker that the practice of splitting of books is continued, they further direct that the board forbear the continuance of the said practice where ships are ordered to be paid entirely off, or to report to the lords the reasons moving them to the contrary [594].

Signatures: Latimer,[3] Arlington, Anglesey, Ormonde, Henry Coventry, E. Seymour.

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[1] Quoted in the text thus: 'And in order to the safe keeping of the said ship, and preservation of good order therein when abroad, and timely and orderly clearing her of her stores and provisions at her coming home, you are hereby strictly forbid to lie any one night from on board your said ship, from the time of your entrance into his Majesty's pay by virtue of your present commission, to the determination of her voyage and her being discharged, upon any occasion whatsoever other than by order from myself or your superior officers.'

[2] Quoted in the text thus: 'You are to take special care at the coming in of your ship to be laid up not to suffer your purser upon any pretence whatever to depart the ship until six pay-books be provided according to the form annexed, which books, so prepared and signed by yourself and signing officers, you are personally to take care to see immediately despatched to the principal officers and commissioners of the navy, as you will answer unto me for what inconveniences and damage may arise to his Majesty from the neglect thereof.'

[3] See note to No. 310.

413. [p. 184.] 1 *Oct.* *The same to the same.*—The instances are so frequent and so pressing of the ill consequences of that liberty universally taken by commanders of neglecting their duties, and particularly those parts thereof which are contained in the lord high admiral's instructions—and this notwithstanding the king's clemency in remitting their failures last year—that the lords cannot but repeat their desires and expectations that the members of the board do (each of them in their respective places) see that the payment of the wages of every commander and officer is withheld until they are satisfied that he has performed his duty in every respect according to his said instructions. To that purpose they are to digest their inquiries 'into such a method respecting the several duties of the respective commanders and officers as may be most effectual to his Majesty, and with the least difficulty to such as shall be found to have performed their duties as they ought to have done by the lord admiral's instructions; and those thereof in an especial manner (among the rest) which respect the keeping and transmitting' to them 'due account of the entering, rating, and discharging of men, the preventing of supernumeraries, the receiving and expending of stores and provisions, and the preserving of the sober discipline of his Majesty's fleet.'

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

414. [p. 185.] 1 *Oct.* *The same to the same.*—Order for making out a bill to Mr. John Stanley for 6*l.* 3*s.*, by him disbursed in bringing a packet from Dover Roads and returning with an answer in March 1671–2.

Signatures: Arlington, Anglesey, G. Carteret, Hen. Coventry.

415. [p. 185.] 1 *Oct.* *The same to the same.*—Order to pay a bill of exchange for 224*l.* 5*s.* 10¾*d.* drawn by Captain Burton, commander of the Holmes; and to cause payment to be made of all bills of disbursement 'where the money shall be laid out only for his Majesty's service, without any profit to the disburser of it,' in the same manner that bills of exchange are paid.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

416. [p. 186]. 1 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Pett*, at Woolwich. —To continue his care in saving the Fairfax. To take in the Bonetta sloop at Woolwich to refit.

417. [p. 186.[1]] 2 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Harris.*[2]— Desires him to send up a general ticket for Captain Bruce's company of Sir William Lockhart's regiment that served on board him this last summer.

Margin: 'Not sent.'

418. [p. 187.[1]] 4 *Oct.* 'at 8 at night.' *S. P. to Mr. Hayter or Mr. Pepys.*[3]—Desires the board to consider what can be done for pilots for the vessels going to Dieppe, the king having lately altered his determination for Lord Vaughan's regiment's going to Calais. The pilots are to be directed to the buoy of the Nore.

419. [p. 187.] 4 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Langley.*—The lords have resolved to move his Majesty to have Captain Harris[4] turned out of his command for his misbehaviour in taking men out of the packet-boat [358 *and* 379]. He is to continue to give passage home to the Dutch prisoners as heretofore, as the king has not yet recalled his former orders for the discharging of all prisoners.

420. [p. 188.] 4 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[5]— Thanks him for his advice of what passed between the two Virginiamen and the Dutch frigate and ketch. Desires to be informed touching the behaviour of the Essex ketch, 'which is said to have lain in sight all the time of the fight without coming in' [440]. Prays him to direct the vessels that are to take in the land forces to stay till further orders.

421. [p. 188.] 4 *Oct.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[6]— Thanks him for his good news of the 3rd inst. touching the recovery of the Royal Charles from the misfortune she was so near falling into [438]. Perhaps a greater share of blame might have fallen upon him, from the advice he is said to have given for her master's taking the charge of her in without a pilot, than (considering the noted abilities of the master) there might have been any reason for. The king and his Royal Highness both persist in having the Royal Charles girdled, and with oak; and the like to the St. Michael; and 'seem to take it up for a thing necessary' that most of the rest of the great ships shall be so served. The coming in of Sir John Holmes will make possible a speedy court-martial on Captain Grant [407 *and* 457]. 600 ells of the king's canvas are said to have been lately found in a sailmaker's house at Portsmouth, and pretended to have been bought of his Majesty's storekeeper there; desires him to make the properest use he can of this information [438].

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[1] Between p. 186 and p. 187 two pages are cancelled by being wafered together.

[2] See note to No. 353.

[3] Thomas Hayter and John Pepys were joint clerks of the acts. See *D. N. B.* xliv. 363.

[4] Captain Leonard Harris: see note to No. 353. Notwithstanding this, Captain Harris was soon appointed to command the Success [745].

[5] See note to No. 261.

[6] See note to No. 34.

422. [p. 189.] 4 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Knight.*[1]—Informs him that Captain Watts [360] is appointed to the Augustine in the room of Captain Cotterell. Has moved the king and lords in what he desired on behalf of the merchants of his city, who have 'out of their desires of giving all the encouragement they can to trade' agreed to sparing her for the service he propounds.

423. [p. 190.] 4 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*[2]—Heartily congratulates him on the recovery of the Royal Charles [421] by his great care, and wishes him the like issue to whatever misadventures may hereafter befall him.

424. [p. 190.] 4 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[3]—He is to order the Nightingale to repair to Yarmouth and there expect further orders.

425. [p. 190.] 4 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Colt.*[4]—He is to go to Portsmouth to clean and refit.

426. [p. 191.] 4 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—They are to appoint Sir Jeremy Smyth[5] to attend the forthcoming pay at Chatham, to assist the treasurer and comptroller.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, H. Coventry.

427. [p. 191.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to* [*the same*].—They are to arrange with the bearer—an officer sent by Lord

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[1] A notable merchant of Bristol. See *D. N. B.* xxxi. 255.

[2] *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

[3] See note to No. 243.

[4] Commander of the Hunter [26].

[5] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

Craven[1]—about shipping on board the Cleveland and Monmouth yachts 200 soldiers, to be carried down to the Nore, and there disposed of by Sir John Narbrough.[2]

428. [p. 192.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[3]—His Majesty's first appointment touching the land forces now going over to France was for 3,000 men—to be embarked at Gravesend, 1,000, at Harwich, 1,000, at Yarmouth, 800, and at Rochester, 200—and vessels have been provided accordingly. Instead of this the writer is almost hourly applied to for vessels to take in single companies and parcels of companies at different and distant places; and whereas they were all intended at first to be landed at Calais, it is now said they are all to go to Dieppe. Earnestly desires him to bring this matter to such a settlement as that he may at once be able to inform the officers of the navy how to dispose of the vessels by the appropriating of them to the several ports suitable to the numbers of men to be shipped in each [449].

429. [p. 193.] 6 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order to cause the Ruby and the Assurance immediately to complete their victuals to a proportion of four months.

Signatures: Latimer,[4] Anglesey, Ormonde, G. Carteret.

430. [p. 193.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[5] Swiftsure.—Encloses orders for carrying the Swiftsure into Sheerness to be refitted with all speed, his Majesty intending that he and his squadron should be in the Downs by the 25th of this month, when the merchant ships to go under their convoy are to be in readiness there [450]. The ships intended to go with him are those named in the margin, of which the Dreadnought is with him and the Swallow at Sheerness.

Margin: Dreadnought, Bonadventure, Swallow, Falcon, Richmond, Speedwell.

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[1] Lord Craven was colonel of a number of regiments (*D. N. B.* xiii. 46).

[2] Narbrough had been knighted on 30 Sept. (*D. N. B.* xl. 90).

[3] Secretary at war [449].

[4] See note to No. 310.

[5] See note to No. 243.

431. [p. 194.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Gunman.*[1]—The Duke of Monmouth having changed his resolution of going suddenly over to France, he is to return with his yacht to Greenwich.

432. [p. 194.] [6 *Oct.*] *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—As the Guinea is ordered to go as convoy to the fleet of light colliers now bound out, they are to take care that such stores as are wanting for her may be speedily sent down to her by her owners.

433. [p. 194.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Berry.*[2]—To lose no time in bringing away his convoy.

434. [p. 194.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Andrews.*[3]—When he proceeds to Portsmouth with the stores for the French fleet, he is to continue at Spithead until further orders.

435. [p. 195.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—To send the enclosed [436] to Captain Mason, commander of the Dover, in case he shall put in to Portsmouth on his way to the westward.

436. [p. 195.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Mason.*—Sends a copy of the express sent him last night to the Downs.

437. [p. 195.] 7 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Eliot.*[5]—Requires him to discharge Sebastian Carillo, a Spaniard, and to account to the lords for his having been pressed.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Rooth[6] for one John Johnson on board him.'

438. [p. 196.] 7 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—The king is not dissatisfied either with him or the master concerning the late misfortune of the Royal Charles running on ground [421 *and* 423], but the master is to be brought to a court-martial, 'as well to caution others for the time to come, as to give opportunity' to him 'to justify himself, and thereby satisfy the world in the reason of his impunity.' The king approves his design of sound-ing the place, and putting down three or four hand buoys when any ship of charge goes in or out. Is glad that by the departure of the French fleet his Majesty is like to escape the parting with so many anchors and cables as otherwise he must have done [401]. He is to furnish the Nonsuch and Norwich with such stores as may be necessary, and the Nonsuch with a month's victuals 'if the wind hang out of the way.' But he is to require of their commanders an account how they came to be behind their commander-in-chief, Captain Young, in the Plymouth, who is gotten into his station [484]. As to the embezzlement of the canvas [421 *and* 458], the writer will acquaint the lords that the business is already in a way of prosecution for the obtaining right to the king.

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[1] Probably at this time commander of the Anne yacht. See Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 227, and vol. i. p. 357 *supra.*

[2] Commander of the Success [132].

[3] See note to No. 265.

[4] See note to No. 34.

[5] See Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 96, and No. 2 *supra.*

[6] Commander of the Swiftsure [430]. See also note to No. 243.

439. [p. 197.] *7 Oct. S. P. to Captain Young.*—Will hasten the rest of his squadron to him [438]. The king approves his proposition of having a dogger to attend him for fetching water, &c. [530].

440. [p. 198.] *7 Oct. S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[1]—Is glad to hear there is so little ground for the report that a man-of-war and a ketch 'stood by and looked on' while the Virginiamen were engaged with the Hollands capers [420]. Presumes that the soldiers will be of Lord Peterborough's regiment. Desires him to have vessels in readiness to carry them over.

441. [p. 198.] *7 Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—Will take care of the party he recommends, but must have the approbation of the navy board. Expects a court-martial for the trial of Captain Nugent,[3] at which an opportunity will be offered of questioning the gunner's mate of the Unicorn for his neglect in going down in the powder room with a candle 'without a lanthorn' [472].

442. [p. 199.] *7 Oct. S. P. to Captain Wetwang,*[4] Sovereign.—To moor his ship, and then obtain leave from the treasurer and comptroller and Sir Jeremy Smyth,[5] now at Chatham, to come up to town to prosecute Lieutenant Edwards [339].

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[1] See note to No. 261.

[2] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[3] Commander of the Fairfax (*supra*, vol. i. p. 389). For references to her 'miscarriage' see Nos. 346 and 416. She ran aground near Grays (*supra*, vol. i. p. 269).

[4] See *D. N. B.* lx. 388.

[5] See note to No. 68.

443. [p. 199.] [7 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*[1]—His Majesty blames not either himself or the master of the Royal Charles, but the business must come before a court-martial [423 *and* 438], as also the matter of Captain Grant [421, 507, 519 *and* 521].

444. [p. 200.] [7 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks him for the news the dogger brings from Hudson's Bay. Desires him to continue his care in hastening out to sea any ship of the western station that may come into his port.

445. [p. 200.] [7 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Captain Stout,*[3] Warspite.—He may expect to obtain leave to come up to town as soon as the court-martial on Captain Grant is over [443].

446. [p. 200.] [7 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Mr. Hiatt,*[4] Dove dogger.—To go to Sheerness to clean.

447. [p. 201.] 7 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Hudson,*[5] Dover dogger.—Is glad to hear of his success in retaking the ship from the Hollands caper. Desires him to leave her in the custody of the prize officers at Dover, and hasten out again to his station [466].

448. [p. 201.] [7 *Oct.*] *S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—Will move the lords that the vessels that carry the land soldiers may have directions to convoy their ships bound for Dieppe and Newhaven.

449. [p. 201.] 7 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Sends them a copy of the final settlement how and where the soldiers are to embark, sent by the Duke of Monmouth's command from Mr. Lock, the secretary at war. Desires them to dispose of the vessels to each port according to the said distribution of the men, all of whom are to be transported to Dieppe. Those which are to embark at Gravesend will be ready to go on board as soon as the vessels are there, and all the rest at their several ports on the 13th of this month. Desires them further to say what provision of vessels they have made, that orders may be sent to the captains of the respective companies for their repair to the ports [428].

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[1] *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] According to Pepys's *Register*, Captain Robert Stout was not appointed to the Warspite until 21 Jan. 1673-4 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 410, confirmed by No. 1122 *infra*).

[4] See note to No. 296.

[5] See note to No. 340.

450. [p. 202.] 8 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for the ships hereunder named to be fitted out to convoy the fleets of merchantmen now preparing to go into foreign parts, and to be ready at the buoy of the Nore at the dates given [515].

Swiftsure,		To be fitted for the Straits, victualled for 4 months, and ready 25 Oct.
Dreadnought,		
Richmond,		
Falcon,		
Swallow,		To be fitted for the Straits, victualled for 5 months, and ready 25 Oct.
Bonadventure,		
Speedwell,		
Resolution,		To be fitted for the Canaries, victualled for 5 months, and ready 25 Oct.
Bristol,		
Newcastle,		
Guernsey,		
Ann and Christopher,	fire-ships	
Olive Branch,		
Foresight,		To be fitted for Bordeaux, victualled for 3 months, and ready 10 Nov.
Stavoreen,		
One merchant ship,		
Adventure,		To be victualled for three months, and ready 10 Nov.
Success,		
Cambridge,		To be fitted for the Straits, victualled for 5 months, and ready 30 Nov.
Monck,[1]		
Reserve,		
Happy Return,		
Greenwich,		
Advice,		To be fitted for the Straits, victualled 'for 6 months dry, and as much beer as they can stow, the rest to be supplied by beverage abroad,' and ready 30 Nov.
Sweepstakes		
Crown,		To be fitted and victualled for 3 months, and ready the beginning of Dec.
Dragon,		

They are also to consider which of the merchant men-of-war now remaining in the king's service is most fitting to be continued therein to be employed as one of the convoys to Bordeaux, and to cause her to be fitted and victualled as the others appointed for that service.

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[1] But see No. 498.

Signatures: Arlington, G. Carteret, Anglesey.

451. [p. 203.] 8 *Oct. The same to the same.*—Order for the Hawk shallop to be paid off and laid up, and the Dove dogger to be speedily cleaned at Sheerness and furnished with two months' victuals.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

452. [p. 203.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Bertie.*[1]—The treasurer of the navy not being in town, the writer puts into his hands the enclosed estimate of the navy for setting forth the fleet next year, to be presented to the lord treasurer.

453. [p. 204.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—By fresh advice from the secretary at war there will be 80 men more to be shipped at Yarmouth. The sickliness amongst the companies of Lord Peterborough's regiment will not bring their number below 500 [449]. The captain of the Morning Star lost his boat in a late engagement with two capers; he desires another [459]. The vessels now in the Downs, laden with cables and anchors for the French fleet, are ordered back to the buoy of the Nore [438]. As soon as the king returns to town they shall receive his directions in what manner he will have the Saudados[2] gilded [522]. They are to send orders to Portsmouth to have the Hunter cleaned and supplied with stores, and her victuals completed to three months.

Postscript.—Advising them of the movements of 70 recruits which were to ship at Yarmouth.

454. [p. 204.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Griffith,* Hampshire.—To discharge Robert Deane, and give him a ticket for the time he has served.

455. [p. 205.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[3] Swiftsure.—To come to Sheerness to fit, and may then 'make a step up to London.' Is glad Lord Vaughan's soldiers are upon their way. Sir John Narbrough[1] being now with him, and orders gone to the ships at Sheerness that are clean to go out to the buoy of the Nore, hopes his absence from the fleet will be attended with no inconveniences.

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[1] Captain Charles Bertie (or 'Bartue,' as in the MS.) was secretary to the lord treasurer (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

[2] See note to No. 55.

[3] See note to No. 243.

456. [p. 205.] 9 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1]—The lords approve of his taking Hiatt's dogger with him [446]. Captain Eliot[2] will be coming towards him this tide. As for the want of men in the ships below, desires him to advise what may be done here towards their supply.

457. [p. 205.] 9 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*[3]—Encloses a commission from the lords for a court-martial. A court-martial being at the same time to be held here, the judge-advocate cannot come to Portsmouth, so they have authority by the commission to provide one upon the place. Recommends Mr. Pitt, of Portsmouth, who has heretofore officiated upon the like occasion. If Captain Grant's irregularities and abuse of his officers and company, and his descending to the [s]uing for pardon to an inferior officer, be true, there is little discipline to be expected from him [327].

458. [p. 206]. 9 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Slingesby,*[4] Portsmouth.—The matter of the embezzled stores, in which he is concerned as the officer entrusted with them, is before the officers of the navy. He will have full opportunity of defence [438 *and* 502].

459. [p. 207.] 9 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Reade,*[5] Morning Star.—He will be supplied with a boat either at Deal or Portsmouth [453].

460. [p. 207.] 9 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Pitt* [808].—Advises him to apply himself to the navy board, and particularly to Sir John Ernle.[6]

461. [p. 207.] [9 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Captain Colt,* Hunter.—Desires him to make haste out to sea.

462. [208.] 9 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Griffith,* Hampshire.—Encloses an order to refit at Chatham. He is to apply to the treasurer and commissioners of the navy there [442] for leave to come to town.

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[1] *D. N. B.* xl. 89. [2] See note to No. 2. [3] *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

[4] See note to No. 502. [5] See note to No. 46.

[6] Sir John Ernle had been appointed comptroller of the stores, 23 June, 1671 (*supra,* vol. i. p. 17); Charnock confuses this with the comptrollership of the navy, and then comments on the improbability of it as 'an appointment almost too singular to be credited in the instance of an officer so young in the service' (*Biog. Nav.* i. 331 *n.*).

463. [p. 208]. [9 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[1]—Instructions will shortly be sent to the masters of the vessels from the navy board about taking in Lord Peterborough's regiment [453].

464. [p. 208.] [9 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2]—Thanks him for his news of the 7th touching the French fleet. 'The news would have been much welcomer of their being gotten nearer their own home' [494].

465. [p. 208.] 9 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Neale.*[3]—Concerning letters for commanders.

466. [p. 209.] 10 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Hudson.*—Desires him, notwithstanding his letter [447], to obey any order for disposing of his prize otherwise, that he may receive from the lords commissioners for prizes.

467. [p. 209.] 11 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Desires them to order a fortnight's victuals for the vessels at Dover appointed to transport the soldiers, and a fitting proportion to those that are to carry the horses. The king being out of town and the lords not meeting to-day, this letter must be their authority.

Postscript.—'The landmen I hear are about 1,000.'

468. [p. 210.] 11 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Lanyon.*[4]—One of the French men-of-war being put into Plymouth, he is to give his assistance as to her refitting, but to do it without disbursement of money or stores.

469. [p. 210.] 11 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Thanks them for the account they give of the Royal Charles [438]. Will present the lords with their estimate of the yacht to be built at Chatham, and will send them a press warrant for the caulkers. Thanks them for their account of the readiness of the vessels at Yarmouth and Harwich. The vessel waiting at Leigh may be ordered elsewhere, the soldiers expected there being designed to march to Harwich. As to what they ask touching the men at Rochester marching to Gravesend and those at Barking to Grays, he has desired directions from the secretary at war [470 *and* 490]. If they will order the vessels laden with hemp for Portsmouth down to the buoy of the Nore, the Falcon shall convoy them, as she can be refitted at Portsmouth as well as here.

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[1] See note to No. 261.

[2] See note to No. 34.

[3] Postmaster at Deal.

[4] Agent at Plymouth [50].

470. [p. 211.] [11 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[1]—The officers of the navy propounding it as a thing of much more convenience that the soldiers at Rochester should be shipped at Gravesend, and those at Barking at Grays, or the blockhouse over against Gravesend, the writer desires him to take the commands of the Duke of Monmouth in the matter [469 *and* 490].

471. [p. 211.] [11 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Captain Watts,*[2] Augustine.—Is sorry for his want of powder and match, &c., and also that of his men.

472. [p. 212.] 11 *Oct.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[3]—His Majesty being out of town and the lords not meeting to-day, the writer can only give him his particular opinion, that the trial of the gunner's mate should be deferred till his recovery from the illness in which he now is [441, 540].

473. [p. 212.] 11 *Oct.* *S. P. to Lieutenant Crofts.*[4]—Notwithstanding his former orders for bringing his ship up to Woolwich, he is to carry her within Sheerness, where she will sooner be refitted and in less danger of losing his men.

474. [p. 212.] 11 *Oct.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—Hopes in a few days to hear from him the arrival of the Turkey ships.

475. [p. 213.] 11 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Joy.*—He is to follow the orders of the commissioners for sick and wounded [273, 374].

476. [p. 213.] 11 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[6]—He is to give the earliest notice he can of the approach of the soldiers towards their embarking, that his Majesty's mind may be known concerning a convoy for them.

Postscript.—Since writing the above, has received his of the 10th. Is sorry for the trouble the capers give. Desires him to direct Captain Perriman in the Chatham sloop[7] to explain why he makes no more haste to his station.

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[1] Secretary at war [449].

[2] See note to No. 360.

[3] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[4] John Crofts, lieutenant of the Richmond (*supra*, vol. i. p. 340), the command of which had just changed hands [279].

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

[6] See note to No. 261.

[7] See note to No. 286.

477. [p. 213.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Grant.*—Has sent the commission two days since for holding the court-martial [457].

478. [p. 213.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*—He will speedily hear further about the court-martial for the trial of Mr. Betts [497].

Postscript.—Since writing, has received his of the 10th. Is glad of what he tells him of the security into which they have at last got the Royal Charles [438].

479. [214.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Captain James,* Foresight.—Is troubled at his great want of men. The lords are of opinion that 'were captains as careful as they ought in keeping their men, and using them well when they have them,' the service would not suffer so much by letting so many run away upon every ship's coming in to port.

480. [p. 214.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Nicholson,* Lizard sloop.—Directs him to send particulars of the service of John Brown, now a prisoner in Canterbury gaol, who pretends to belong to his ship.

481. [p. 215.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Tippetts.*[1] —Encloses a letter from Woolwich for him to peruse and return with his opinion what is fit to be propounded to the lords in relation to the Fairfax [346].

482. [p. 215.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Harman,* Bristol.—He has leave to come to town.[2]

483. [p. 215.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Trevanion.*[3] —To look out betimes for men and keep those he has.

484. [p. 216.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4] —Thanks him for the news of the safe mooring of the Royal Charles; 'God send her no more such risks' [438]. His account of the reason of the backwardness of the Nonsuch and Norwich is satisfactory [438]. To hasten them all he can, and especially the Nonsuch.

485. [p. 216.] 11 *Oct. S.P. to Captain London.*[5]—For saving of time advises him to apply for gunner's stores to the officer belonging to the ordnance at Portsmouth, with the allowance of Commissioner Deane.[1] Will see that a warrant is sent to Sir Thomas Chicheley.[2]

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[1] Surveyor of the navy [320].

[2] Captain William Harman, commander of the Bristol (*supra*, vol. i. p. 360), was the only son of Sir John Harman, who died on the day that this letter is dated. *D. N. B.* (xxiv. 411), following Charnock, gives his Christian name as 'James.' See also note to No. 1621.

[3] Commander of the Dreadnought [550].

[4] See note to No. 34.

[5] Commander of the Norwich [306].

486. [p. 217.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[3]—Takes note of what he writes concerning the Nightingale, who is in the Downs with his convoy bound for Dieppe. Desires him to see that the ships designed for the Straits convoy are ready by the time appointed [430 *and* 450]. Is satisfied with his answer in relation to the Ostender [437], and desires him to excuse his late plainness, it arising from the trouble the Spanish ambassador had given them with his importunity and clamour against their proceeding in impresting the subjects of his master contrary to the terms of the treaty. Desires him to send the enclosed on board the Richmond on her return from the northward, it being to stop her coming up the River and directing her going to Sheerness to refit [473].

487. [p. 217.] 11 *Oct. The same to the same.*—There being an indispensable necessity of sending a frigate forthwith to Yarmouth for convoying some vessels from thence to Dieppe, with soldiers, which will begin to embark on Monday next, the writer desires him that the Sweepstakes or some other frigate may be speedily put into a condition of sailing, and if she have not men enough, that some may be spared her out of other ships. She is to convoy also any other vessels bound for the coast of Normandy, calling also at Harwich for like purpose; and to return with the vessels, when they have landed the soldiers, to the buoy of the Nore.

Postscript.—An enclosed letter to be sent on board the Falcon on her arrival at the Nore, it carrying orders for her convoying some vessels with hemp to Portsmouth and refitting there.

488. [p. 218.] 11 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Smith.*[4]—Has received his of the 6th from Yarmouth Roads, wherein the writer finds he has been well recommended to the king's service by Sir John Harman.[5] Can promise him no increase in his number of men till, at his return, he can satisfy the principal officers in the reason of it.

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[1] See note to No. 34.

[2] Master-general of the ordnance.

[3] See note to No. 243.

[4] Probably Captain William Smith, commander of the William dogger [543].

[5] *D. N. B.* xxiv. 410.

489. [p. 219.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Rooth[1] desires them to hasten down the victuals for the Swiftsure and Dreadnought by the latter end of the week. The Several is also in readiness to receive her provisions on board. The Ruby and Assurance are appointed convoys to the East Country. Desires the name of the merchant ship they have pitched upon to be one of the convoys to Bordeaux [450].

490. [p. 219.] 13 *Oct. The same to the same.*—Has this evening received answer from the secretary at war that the first designation of the soldiers from Barking and Rochester cannot be altered; they are therefore to provide vessels at those places [470].

491. [p. 220.] 13 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order to cause the Royal Charles, Rupert, Warspite, and Lion, now at Portsmouth, to be paid off and put in hand to be repaired for the next year's service. To pay off also those first and second rate ships in the river Medway that have been hindered by the bad weather from getting up to their moorings at Chatham, taking care to retain in pay on board them a sufficient number of men for keeping them in safety, and, by the help of the ordinary, carrying them up to their moorings as soon as the weather permits. To furnish the Holmes with three months' victuals at Harwich.

Signatures: Ormonde, Arlington, Hen. Coventry.

492. [p. 220.] 14 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Binning.*[2]—His ship to be repaired and refitted as soon as the fishing season is over.

493. [p. 220.] 14 *Oct. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—Hopes his next will give tidings of some more of the western squadron passing towards their station.

494. [p. 221.] 14 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—Thanks him for what he writes touching his kinsman, who must 'earn what he is to get with as much labour as any man in the yard,' but hopes he will give him opportunities with his labour to improve himself all that he may in his art. Is heartily sorry that the French fleet are 'forced still to hang upon our coasts [464], lest their necessities may drive them to call for further supplies, while God knows in how ill condition we are to answer our own wants, therefore much less theirs, and they must forgive us if we be found to consult the answering of our own wants first. I pray God your next may inform me of their being gone, though as the weather yet continues I doubt it.'

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[1] See note to No. 243.

[2] Commander of the Portsmouth pink [368].

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] See note to No. 34.

495. [p. 221.] 14 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Langley.*[1]—Is sorry for his silence touching Captain Thurston's supposed neglect in his not assisting the Virginiamen. Expects information from him touching any failure of commanders. [420, 440].

496. [p. 221.] 14 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*[2]—If there shall happen anything that may render desirable his longer stay at Portsmouth after the court-martial is over, it shall be advertised him [457].

497. [p. 221.] [14 *Oct.*] *The same to the same.*—Since closing the preceding, has received his of the 13th. He may come up to town without attending further at present for the trial of Mr. Betts, which the king only respites, not lays aside [478].

498. [p. 222.] 15 *Oct.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for the Mary to go as one of the second convoys to the Straits in the room of the Monck, and to be fitted accordingly [450].

Signatures: Rupert, Anglesey, Ormonde, Arlington, G. Carteret, Hen. Coventry.

499. [p. 222.] 15 *Oct.* *The same to the same.*—They enclose two papers lately presented to them by the victuallers of the navy, one offering a state of their receipts and issues to 31 Dec. '72, and the other of the present year. Desire the board to have them examined and comptrolled by Sir Jeremy Smyth, as comptroller of the victuallers' accounts, and that being done to return them with their report touching the whole. They are to send orders to Commissioner Beach to arrange for setting up Sir Samuel Morland's two engines for clearing the dock at Chatham [357], according to the enclosed paper of instructions from the king.

Signatures: As the preceding.

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[1] See note to No. 147.

[2] *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

500. [p. 222.] 15 *Oct. The same to the same.*—Order for the new yacht at Chatham to be put in hand, to be built by Mr. Pett,[1] shipwright there, for 1,550*l.* To pay off the Hampshire, now at Chatham.

Signatures : As the preceding.

501. [p. 223.] 15 *Oct. S. P. to the same.*—There being several commanders of fireships that have been burnt daily soliciting for their pay, the lords desire from the board against Monday next an account how far they have performed their duties [557]. They are to supply the Isle of Wight yacht with what they judge she wants of the things mentioned in the enclosed letter from Sir Robert Holmes.[2]

502. [p. 223.] 15 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Slingesby,*[3] Portsmouth.—Hopes he will be found free from the blame of corruption, if not of improvidence [458].

503. [p. 224.] 15 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Evelyn.*[4]—Desires to know if the Buck dogger is now at liberty from their service [475].

504. [p. 224.] [15 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[1] Woolwich. —To pursue the orders of Commissioner Tippetts[5] in bringing the ships with him into dock.

505. [p. 224.] [15 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Mr. Stockdale,* collector at Dover.—Thanks him for his of the 7th.

506. [p. 225.] 16 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To supply the wants of the Improvement, that was forced from her anchors and driven to sea with near 200 men on board, while her master and most of her company were on shore, and is put into Yarmouth wanting anchors, cables, and topmasts. Failing this, to arrange for the men being put on board one of the vessels there, intended for the other soldiers ; or on board the man-of-war sent from the Nore by Captain Rooth[6] to convoy the said soldiers to

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[1] The Petts most frequently referred to in this correspondence are Phineas Pett, master shipwright at Chatham (as in this letter), and Phineas Pett, master-shipwright at Woolwich (as in No. 504). Another Phineas Pett was muster-master at Gravesend (No. 53 and index to *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673). On the various members of the Pett family see also *D. N. B.* xlv. 103 and 105.

[2] See note to No. 249.

[3] Colonel Walter Slingesby was storekeeper at Portsmouth.

[4] See note to No. 227.

[5] Surveyor of the navy.

[6] See note to No. 243.

Dieppe; or on board any other of the men-of-war which shall be in that port belonging to the squadron attending the fishery. The men are reported to be mutinous, and to have suffered hardship in their passage thither.

They are also to provide vessels in the Downs by the 20th to embark Sir William Lockhart's regiment of 800 men now marching to Deal for Dieppe [428, 537].

507. [p. 226.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir John Holmes.*[1]—Will communicate to the lords the sentence of the court-martial on Captain Grant and his lieutenant, in which they will be satisfied, at least in what relates to the captain, his faults being of a very foul sort [457]. Captain Willshaw [2] is to be commander of the Reserve.

Postscript.—The treasurer of the navy purposes to send money down forthwith for payment of all the ships at Portsmouth.

508. [p. 227.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Young.*[3]—His late service in taking the caper is very acceptable. She is designed for a man-of-war, but her value will be made good to him and his company. As to his proposition of having his son to command her, the writer dares not undertake anything therein, though has heard very well of him. He will hear further from the officers of the navy as to the appraisement of the vessel [515]. He is to hasten again to sea, as well for annoying the enemy's vessels going out as securing those expected from the Straits, especially as the rest of his squadron have been hindered by weather, the Hunter and Morning Star being yet in the Downs.

509. [p. 227.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—The caper taken by Captain Young is to be a man-of-war [508].

510. [p. 228.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Berry,*[5] Success, at the Nore.—His ship is to be cleaned and re-victualled at Sheerness.

511. [p. 228.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Neale,*[6] Deal.—Thanks him for returning the packets.

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[1] *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

[2] Thomas Willshaw (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 276). His brother, Francis Willshaw, was commanding the Concord merchantman. See note to No. 1654.

[3] See note to No. 319.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] See note to No. 132.

[6] Postmaster at Deal.

512. [p. 228.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[1]—Desires him to intimate to the victuallers' agent at Ipswich that a fortnight's victuals more is to be put on board each of the vessels that are to take in soldiers at Harwich.

Postscript.—To send the enclosed on board the Holmes as soon as she comes within his reach.

513. [p. 229.] 16 *Oct.* *S.P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[2]—He is appointed to go with the second convoy for the Straits, to be ready by the 30th of next month [450]. If the Sweepstakes should not be gone, let no time be lost in supplying her with men from his ship [487].

514. [p. 230.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin*[3] *and Sir Jeremy Smyth.*[4]—The writer transmitted on Tuesday morning to Mr. Speaker[5] their letter touching the disorder among the company of the Cambridge about the method of their pay. His Majesty is of opinion that the pay of the Cambridge being begun, they ought to go through with it in the same method.

Knows nothing of the Monmouth going out this winter, yet thinks she should be graved. Will send them an account of all the ships designed abroad this winter and those that are to stay at home. Is glad they are shortening the charge of the victualling vessels, and wonders how they came to have lain so long and uselessly in pay [526].

515. [p. 231.] 16 *Oct.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—The convoy designed for the Canaries being now laid aside, they are to stop preparations on the ships for sailing by the 25th, and also to forbear issuing the victuals ordered for them, but to continue fitting them for sea in expectation of other service, and in particular to hasten the 2 fireships designed to accompany them, as one is to attend the first convoy to the Straits, and the other the latter. They are to expedite the convoys mentioned in the letter of the 8th [450], except those to the Canaries and the East Country, this last having become unnecessary. Three able merchant ships that may carry from 36 to 40 guns each are to be taken up by them for 6 months certain, and made men-of-war for a voyage to the West Indies.

For the better despatch of the new ship now building at Deptford, they are to agree with some of the merchant shipwrights in the Thames to repair 2 or 3 of the 4th rates in their private docks. For the rest of the new ships in building, they are to take care that where any of them cannot be reasonably expected to serve the king at sea the next summer, their despatch give place to repairing the old ships. It is to be an established rule that all ships to be hereafter built are to have one port fewer on each side, the handling of the guns having been found by experience to be much impeded by the nearness of the ports one to another. Also that the late proportion of cabins[1] be for the time to come strictly observed, as well in all new ships hereafter to be built, as upon the old ones where new cabins shall happen to be set up; and that the assignment to the particular officers of each ship be also observed, so that they may enjoy them as of right, without being subject to be dispossessed by the commander without particular warrant, either from a flag officer or the board. They are also to contract with the merchant shipwrights for building 20 fireships of from 200 to 250 tons, presenting an estimate of their cost to the lords and their judgment concerning their dimensions to the king.

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[1] See note to No. 261.

[2] See *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

[3] See note to No. 87.

[4] See note to No. 68.

[5] See note to No. 281.

The sum of 1,000*l.* a week having been proposed by themselves to the king as what will be needful to give any satisfaction to the seamen and their families in the payment of tickets, and the lord treasurer having promised to do what he can to supply it, they are to consider of the method that will be needful to be established for the due disposing of this sum, and present the same to his lordship for his correction or approval. The Newcastle, to whose company a great arrear is due, is to be paid to 30 September, 1672, and the like as they are able to the rest of the ships not designed to be set forth to sea this present winter.

To meet the dissatisfaction taken by some merchants from a supposed diversion of certain assignments upon the customs from the use of the navy whereunto they were appointed, and the interruption thereby given to the course of their payment for stores delivered to his Majesty, the said merchants be directed forthwith to attend the lord treasurer in order to his giving satisfaction therein. They are to hire for 4 months certain some vessel that is a good sailer and able to carry from 14 to 20 guns, and fit her out as a man-of-war against the capers infesting the western coast. The command of her is to be given to Mr. George Breholt for his late behaviour against the capers in a vessel of his own. They are to order the appraising of the caper of 28 guns taken by Captain Young and brought into Plymouth, and upon satisfaction given to him and his company for the same, to equip her as a 5th rate [508].

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[1] See note to No. 84.

Signatures: Latimer,[1] Anglesey, Ormonde, Arlington, G. Carteret.

516. [p. 235.] 17 *Oct. S. P. to the same.*—They are to prepare an account of the stores furnished to the French fleet, as the French commissary is ready to make present payment for them.

517. [p. 235.] 17 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[2]—To go into the Downs, the Duchess of York being expected over [523 *and* 524]. If they cannot borrow enough men for this turn, some soldiers shall be sent down to them.

518. [p. 235.] 17 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[3]—To go into the Downs to attend the bringing over of the Duchess of York [523, 524 *and* 532].

519. [p. 236.] 17 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—Thanks him for his account of the court-martial on Captain Grant and his lieutenant [507], and for representing the misbehaviour of the purser therein to the navy board. The lieutenant will have the benefit of his good report, but 'the most that sticks with' the writer is not his provoking words to his captain, but his concealing so long the captain's misbehaviour and fraudulent dealings in reference to the king, 'without either discovering it himself or using other means of having it known, till this private squabble between him and the captain urged him to it.'

He is not to doubt the writer's continuance to the utmost of his power to secure not only him but everybody else 'in their endeavours of detecting the misdoings of any persons employed in his Majesty's service'; therefore prays him to be 'under no constraint in his proceedings' in the matter now before him about the embezzlement of the king's stores [458, 502], 'how far soever the storekeeper or any other may be thought concerned therein.'

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[1] See note to No. 310.

[2] See note to No. 243.

[3] *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

[4] See note to No. 34.

The lord treasurer and Mr. Speaker[1] are dissatisfied in the getting the king's warrant and his receiving the French money thereupon without the privity of the lords, the irregularity of which proceedings they are not a little displeased with. As to the backwardness of the pursers to give in their books, 'there is nothing from which I can sooner expect any amendment of it than the putting of that sort of people into a condition of living honestly in their employments (which as they have been hitherto use[d] I could never think they were), and then correcting them with all severity for what they shall be found falsifying their trust in.'

520. [p. 237.] [17 *Oct.*] *S. P. to Mr. Hunter*, clerk of the check, Sheerness.—To excuse Lieutenant Ford, of the French Ruby, for his absence occasioned by sickness.

521. [p. 237.] 18 *Oct.* Robes Chamber, Whitehall. *The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Transmitting a copy of the sentence of the court-martial[2] on Captain Grant, of the Reserve, and his lieutenant, discharging them from their employments and giving 'some further determination concerning them,' which the board is to see executed. They are also to call to account the late purser of the said ship, who must have combined with Captain Grant in abusing his Majesty by keeping several men in pay upon the books a considerable time longer than by their deserting the service they ought to have been [519].

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, Arlington, H. Coventry.

522. [p. 238.] 18 *Oct.* Robes Chamber at Whitehall. *The same to* [*the same*].—Order for the Saudados[3] to be furnished with a set of silk pennants, and to be gilded like the Greyhound [453].

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

523. [p. 238.] 18 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Brisbane.*[4]—There being a present occasion of sending away all the yachts now in the River for bringing over the Duchess of York [517, 518, 524], it will not be possible to have one of them at Tower Wharf on Monday for the meeting of the court-martial; the king therefore directs that it be held on board one of his ships at Deptford. Writes that he may give timely notice of this to Sir John Berry[1] and the commanders who are to attend, and that Sir John may appoint the ship.

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[1] See note to No. 281.

[2] Charnock (*Biog. Nav.* i. 166) says vaguely that Captain Jasper Grant was 'dismissed the service in 1673–4 by the sentence of a court-martial, but on account of what particular delinquency does not appear.'

[3] See note to No. 55.

[4] Judge-advocate (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

524. [p. 239.] 18 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[2] of the Swiftsure.—Thanks him for his advice of what he has done about the Falcon, Richmond, and Sweepstakes. Hopes the last is gone, as the soldiers at Yarmouth and Harwich may be exposed to inconvenience if their convoy is not ready [487]. He is to despatch any two of the ships in the margin to the Downs to join with the Mary for fetching over the Duchess [523]. Will need to press him in what concerns his own ship and the Dreadnought, and all matters that may conduce to the hastening away of the first fleet to the Straits [450].

Margin: Monck, Bristol, Ruby.

525. [p. 239.] 18 *Oct.* [*S. P.*] *to the Navy Board.*—The Falcon is at the buoy of the Nore, waiting to convoy the hemp ships to Portsmouth [469]. These should be quickened, as she is wanted for the Straits fleet.

526. [p. 240.] 18 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin*[3] *and Sir Jeremy Smyth.*[4]—The lords approve their care in carrying up the ships and discharging the unnecessary victualling ships [514]. Prays them to despatch refitting the Success at Sheerness, she being appointed with the Adventure to ply in the Bay of Biscay and to sail the beginning of next month. Is sorry for the growth of Sir Thomas Allin's indisposition. The Monmouth to be paid off. It is great pity that this spring[5] is like to be lost for the getting up of the Sovereign and the Victory.

527. [p. 240.] 18 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[6]—The lords are very well satisfied with his care in surveying the wants of the Pearl, it being too true what he observes of 'the easiness with which commanders are in foul weather induced to find a port.' As to the dissatisfaction of the commanders with the late order for checking their absence from on board [412], they must be contented with it, though for rendering its observance less offensive to them in the manner of its execution, 'the lords have resolved that it shall not be the subjecting them to a public call as the ordinary men are and being made "run" [1] upon the usual number of absences, but that a note be taken upon the book by writing the word "absence" upon any commander's name who upon inquiry shall not be found on board, leaving the use that is to be made thereof to the principal officers and commissioners of the navy when the said commander comes to be paid' [552].

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[1] *D. N. B.* iv. 398.

[2] See note to No. 790.

[3] See note to No. 87.

[4] See note to No. 68.

[5] *I.e.* 'spring tide.'

[6] See note to No. 34.

528. [p. 241.] 18 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Ridley*, Woolwich sloop.—If he knows not [2] where to find Sir John Narbrough, or his vessel is not ready for sea, he is to bring her up to the buoy of the Nore for supplies.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Barbor, of the Bonetta sloop.'

529. [p. 242.] 18 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[3]—The land forces and transports are to wait till the convoy come, which is sent to Yarmouth to embark the soldiers there, and is then to call at Harwich.

530. [p. 242.] 18 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Young.*[4]—He is to make all the haste out that may be; he can procure canvas and make his topsail at sea. The king has placed the Dove dogger,[5] Mr. Hiatt commander, under his orders [439].

531. [p. 242.] 18 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Pearce*,[6] Nightingale.—Has communicated to the king and lords what he writes about the French men-of-war's taking upon him to set the watch in the Downs, which shall be prevented for the time to come. Desires him to haste to Dieppe with his convoys; his wants will be supplied on his return.

532. [p. 243.] 18 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[7]

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[1] See note to No. 181.

[2] MS. 'what.'

[3] See note to No. 261.

[4] See note to No. 319.

[5] See note to No. 296.

[6] Captain Edward Pearce (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 327, who mentions six others). He was lost on the Goodwin Sands in a storm on 16 Jan. 1673-4.

[7] See note to No. 564.

—Orders will meet him in the Downs to stay there until he receives intimation either from the Earl of Peterborough or Captain Gunman[1] of the Duchess being arrived at Calais; then to repair thither and follow the orders of the earl.

533. [p. 243.] 18 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—To send enclosures to Sir Roger Strickland[3] and Captain Rooth.[4]

534. [p. 243.] 18 *Oct. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—To send enclosed to Captain Young.[6]

535. [p. 250.[7]] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 20 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—In pursuance of an Order in Council of the 17th, they are to prepare an estimate of the charge of sea provisions for 35,000 men for 8 months.

Signatures: Arlington, G. Carteret, E. Seymour, H. Coventry.

536. [p. 250.[7]] [20 *Oct.*] *The same to the same.*—Order for the Monmouth and the Fox shallop to be paid off, and the Holmes on her arrival at Sheerness to be refitted, cleaned, and victualled for 2 months.

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, H. Coventry, E. Seymour.

537. [p. 244.] 21 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to provide at Dover, to go with Sir William Lockhart's regiment to Dieppe [506], transport for 30 horses; also for between three and four hundred arms. Desires them to let this suffice till he shall have opportunity of sending a warrant from either the king or the lords to confirm it. Desires them also to inform him what ships of the 4th rate and under may with most despatch be sheathed of any of those in the late list of convoys [450].

538. [p. 244.] 21 *Oct. The same to the same.*—In fitting the caper lately brought into Plymouth, they are to make as little variation as possible in the standing of the masts from what it is now, and to forbid the increasing of her number of cabins [515]. The king is pleased to name her the Swan [515, 705], and the ship now in building at Bristol the Oxford.

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[1] See note to No. 431.

[2] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[3] See note to No. 564.

[4] See note to No. 790.

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

[6] See note to No. 319.

[7] Out of order in the MS.

539. [p. 245.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[1] Swiftsure.—Thanks him for his care in despatching the Monck and the Bristol. Has hastened the hemp vessels [525], and the victuals for his squadron. Has spoken to the commander of the Swallow about the despatch of his ship. The time draws on now so fast that nothing ought to be neglected that can conduce to the getting out that convoy [450].

540. [p. 245.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—The trial intended for the gunner's mate of the Unicorn is ended by his death [472].

541. [p. 246.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Watts,*[3] Augustine.—Desires him to make inquiry about the logwood on board the Augustine—whose it is and how it came there.

542. [p. 246.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. St. Michel.*[4]—Hopes he has given an account to the navy board of the necessity of his coming up, whose license he must not neglect to obtain.

543. [p. 246.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Smith,*[5] William dogger.—Thanks him for his advice of his proceedings and of the Guinea's and the light fleet of colliers.

544. [p. 247.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Thurston,* Essex ketch.—He does not yet find anything to believe of what was reported against him of neglecting to succour the Virginiamen [420].

545. [p. 247.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Burton,* Holmes.—To bring his ship to Sheerness, leaving the prize in the custody of the prize officers at Harwich.

546. [p. 247.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[6]—Thanks him for his account of the distribution of the soldiers that are to be transported. The Sweepstakes was in Yarmouth Roads on the 17th, so hopes she will call suddenly at Harwich [529].

547. [p. 248.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Swiftsure and Dreadnought are ready to take in their provisions. Desires their opinion what number of men and guns should be borne on the Saudados.[1] The soldiers at Rochester hear nothing of the vessels that are to transport them.

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[1] See note to No. 790.

[2] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[3] See note to No. 360.

[4] See note to No. 152.

[5] Captain William Smith. There were seven others (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 406–7).

[6] See note to No. 261.

548. [p. 248.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Clements*, Greyhound.—The king will buy the caper he has taken of him and his company. Upon consideration of the ill condition of his ship to keep the sea, she is ordered up to Deptford together with his prize.

549. [p. 249.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Watson*,[2] Phœnix.—Is sorry to find his ship is so sickly. Against the fishing season is over he will know how his ships are to be disposed of.

550. [p. 249.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Trevanion*, Dreadnought.—Is quickening his provisions, and desires him to make all possible despatch in fitting his ship.

551. [p. 249.] 21 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Langley.*[3]—There can be no remedy for the caper's men being transported in his packet-boats, since it is concluded on between his Majesty and the Hollanders that the prisoners on both sides be mutually discharged, without any exception to the men taken in capers.

552. [p. 250.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 22 *Oct.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for the fireships George, Robert, Buss, and Amity to be paid off, as found unfit on survey for further service in that capacity. In view of the 'great want' of ship carpenters and caulkers in the yards for the timely repairing of his Majesty's ships for the next year's service, they are to issue orders to the clerks of the check for the present discharging the shipwrights and caulkers on board the king's ships in port, over and above the established numbers of the carpenter's crews allowed. As the lords understand that their late order for mustering the commanders [412] 'is liable in the manner of its being executed to be converted to the diminution of the authority of the commanders,' the board is to instruct the clerks of the check that the commanders of the king's ships are not to be exposed to a public call or made 'run' in case of absence [527].

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

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[1] See note to No. 55.

[2] See note to No. 195.

[3] See note to No. 147.

553. [p. 251.] 22 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Thomas Littleton, Mr. Child, and Mr. Papillon.*[1]—The lords having had Sir Denis Gauden's petition [2] referred to them by an Order in Council of the 3rd instant, have appointed Saturday morning next for the hearing, with liberty to either side to make use of counsel [554].

554. [p. 252.] 23 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Duncombe.*[3]—The king directs him, with the lord treasurer, to be present at the examination of the matter in difference between Sir Denis Gauden and the rest of the victuallers [553, 560].

555. [p. 252.] 23 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To inquire into the complaint of the bearer, an officer of the 2 companies shipped at Deptford, that there is not a man on board belonging to the vessels, nor any victuals for them in case they were.

556. [p. 252.] 23 *Oct. S. P. to Captain James,* Foresight.—To examine his lieutenant Condon, charged with having violated the lords' protection by pressing one Robert Carr out of the John and Francis of Newcastle.

557. [p. 253.] 23 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—To authorise them to give order for the payment of wages due to commanders of fireships and doggers whose vessels have been sunk, burnt, or taken by the enemy, his Majesty having thought fit to remit unto them their failures in their performance of the instructions of the lord high admiral [413]. They are to report the neglects of all other commanders whose pay they find cause to withhold, and to wait further directions before paying them, those only excepted who have lost their ships in the manner abovesaid, whose wages they are to pay, and report their behaviour as before without further order; observing only that for the time to come in their said reports they do not take cognisance of any commander's pretences of having sent muster-books to their office unless proved by receipts or other evidence.

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[1] Sir Denis Gauden and Benjamin Gauden, his son, Josiah Child, Sir Thomas Littleton and Thomas Papillon were at this time victuallers of the navy, under a new contract beginning from 1 Jan. 1671–2 (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1671, p. 506). Papillon had taken the place of Sir Denny Ashburnham, who had been named in the original contract, but had resigned at the last moment (*ib.* 1671–2, p. 37).

[2] This petition had been read in the council as early as 20 June, and was then referred to the lord treasurer (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 381).

[3] Chancellor of the exchequer (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

Signatures : Ormonde, Latimer, Arlington.

558. [p. 254.] 23 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Shish.*[1]—To survey the Richmond, as her captain says she cannot be refitted without coming into a dock.

559. [p. 254.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To communicate to them Captain Eliot's[2] account of the state of the Anne, and to ask their advice where she may be best supplied—whether at Portsmouth or from the River. The commanders of the Chatham sloop and Lily dogger at Yarmouth have each lost one anchor and a cable and a half; desires them to give such directions as they think fitting for their supply.

560. [p. 254.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir John Duncombe.*[3]—As the victuallers of the navy are not ready, the lords will appoint another day [554 *and* 604].

561. [p. 255.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Thanks them for their advice touching the proceeding of the Garland and other matters relating to New York. The Holmes being designed to cruise in the Narrow, is it convenient to bring her up to Deptford, both as to the saving of time and her men? Will acquaint the king with what they propose, that the soldiers at Rochester may have liberty to work as labourers in the yard at Chatham. A particular to be prepared of the stores and provisions sent to the Barbados. The Falcon to stay no longer in expectation of the hemp vessels [566]. They are to survey the East India prize ships and report which should be kept for the use of the navy. They are to report on a proposal of his Royal Highness's for bringing into some better order the great number of tenders which, to the extraordinary increase of charge, the fleet have of late been accompanied with [563]. The king has ordered 100 soldiers to embark at Newhaven, and 100 at Portsmouth, for Dieppe; they are to take care that shipping be timely provided at those places.

562. [p. 256.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Berry,*[4] Success.—Is sorry to find his company in so great disorder. Some of them have presented to his Majesty a round robin, upon which some of their ringleaders are committed, in order to the having their complaints examined [565]. In the meantime he is to take care to make them 'run'[1] on his books, that his Majesty may have the benefit of their wages.

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[1] This is Mr. John Shish of Sheerness [581], the son of Jonas Shish. See note to No. 1683.

[2] See note to No. 2.

[3] See note to No. 554.

[4] See note to No. 132.

563. [p. 256.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Killigrew*,[2] Monck.—To explain his use for a tender, the lords intending to retrench the great charge of late drawn on the king by their excessive number [561].

564. [p. 257.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[3]—When his service is over, to go to Portsmouth to refit, where he can be furnished with a long-boat. To explain his use for a tender, &c. [*as in the preceding letter*].

565. [p. 257.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir Jeremy Smyth.*[4]—Thanks him for his account of his advance in paying off the ships. The navy board have sent him their opinion touching the number of men fit to be continued on the Sovereign and Victory, which he is to follow. The lords approve of his ordering one of the masters attendant to lie on board the Sovereign. The navy office will supply him with a master for the Success, whose company have cause enough for a great deal of their complaints [562]. The order for payment of the Monmouth went from the lords to the navy board 2 days since; as for the Sovereign and Victory, he will need no further order, since the numbers on board them do not exceed what is needful for the safety of the ships.

566. [p. 258.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Andrews*,[5] Falcon.—To sail to Portsmouth with the vessels that are already with him [561].

567. [p. 258.] 25 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Young.*[6]—The lords take notice of his care in endeavouring to supply himself with men, and in giving despatch to the Dover.

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[1] See note to No. 181.

[2] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[3] *D. N. B.* lv. 52. According to Pepys's *Register*, Strickland was still in command of the Henry (*supra*, vol. i. p. 410); but see *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 521, and No. 845 *infra*.

[4] See note to No. 68.

[5] See note to No. 265.

[6] See note to No. 319.

The navy board have orders to take care about the appraisement of his prize [515 *and* 705].

568. [p. 258.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Reade,*[1] Morning Star.—The lords expect a good reason for his putting into Portsmouth contrary to orders, and have directed Commissioner Deane [2] to survey his ship and report on her condition [570].

569. [p. 259.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Mason,* Dover.[3]—To make all haste to his station. The lords will call on the commander of the Hunter to explain why he left him without his orders.

570. [p. 259.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2]—The king is well satisfied in his supplying Count d'Estrées' ship with no more than was just necessary for her safety. Prays him to hasten an account of it to the officers of the navy, that it may be included in the rest of our demands for stores issued to the use of the French fleet [438]. Enclosed are orders to the commander of the Pearl to hasten to his station in the Soundings. The writer has taken a note of what he says towards the further vindication of the late lieutenant of the Reserve [521]. He is to survey the Morning Star and report whether her condition rendered her unfit to keep the sea, there being nothing less than that to excuse her commander's putting into port contrary to his orders, which directed him to the Soundings; he is also to refit her as she may require [568].

571. [p. 260.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Smith.*[4]—The lords have called the Tulip dogger from attending on Boston, leaving that service to himself [882].

572. [p. 260.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Langley.*[5]—Desires he will 'prefer the serving his Majesty before the gratifying of any particular man's capriciousness.'

573. [p. 261.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[6]—Thanks him for his account of the distribution of the soldiers on board the vessels appointed to transport them. As for the light colliers now at Harwich, the convoy with the colliers bound from hence shall call for them. Is glad the soldiers are at last gone, and for the hopes he gives him that they will not be in want of victuals, notwithstanding that the supply expected for them did not arrive before their departure.

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[1] See note to No. 46. [2] See note to No. 34. [3] *I.e.* the ship.

[4] Commander of the William dogger. See note to No. 543.

[5] See note to No. 147.

[6] See note to No. 261.

574. [p. 261.] 25 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—They have sent to the lord treasurer a copy of the board's late letter touching the times by which the new ships may with supplies of money and materials therein mentioned be expected to be finished. They have done the like as to the fireships, and do direct them to prepare an estimate, that moneys may be provided for building them at the places and of the lesser dimensions in their said letter; desiring them in the meantime to treat with proper and sufficient builders, that they may be ready to accompany the fleet at their first going forth next year.

Signatures: Rupert, Anglesey, G. Carteret, Ew. Seymour.

575. [p. 262.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Matthews.*—To discharge two men impressed by him out of the Hopewell of Wivenhoe, in violation of the lords' protection; for his contempt therein he will hear further.

576. [p. 262.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Nicholson,* Lizard sloop, at Yarmouth.—Having acquainted the lords with the condition of his ship by the want of cables and anchors, their pleasure is that he return with her unto Sheerness.

577. [p. 263.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Pitt.*—Will remember him as one whom for many years he has known to have served his Majesty painfully and unblameably.

578. [p. 263.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. George Pley, senr.*[1] —It has not risen from any forgetfulness or want of regard to the merchants, his neighbours, that the Mermaid has not been sooner with them, or that there is not a stated convoy to attend them, the lords being very ready on all occasions to give the utmost assistance and encouragement they can to trade; but the state of the other parts of the king's service has not hitherto admitted it.

579. [p. 264.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Roome Coyle[2] having acquainted him that the

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[1] Captain George Pley, senior, had been employed in pressing men at Weymouth. His son, George Pley, junior, was collector of customs at Lyme (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, pp. 178, 294).

[2] Captain Thomas Roome Coyle had been appointed to command the French Ruby in 1672 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 399). 'Roome' is apparently a second Christian name, rare but not unknown.

Yarmouth is come in from sea to the buoy of the Nore in very ill condition, they are to order her up to such place for refitting as they shall judge most convenient for her despatch and the keeping of her men, so that she may be able to remain abroad this winter.

580. [p. 264.] 25 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Eliot.*[1]—To come to the buoy of the Nore to be furnished with what he wants.

581. [p. 265.] 27 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The vessels going to the Downs with and for men will meet with the Buck dogger at the buoy of the Nore to convoy them. Either the Nightingale or the Sweepstakes, if returned from Dieppe, shall have orders for going back with them. Thanks them for their answer of the 23rd about the vessels for the horses to be shipped at Dover and the arms to be carried down to Sir William Lockhart's regiment at Deal. They are to hasten the despatch of the first convoy to the Straits, and to that purpose see to the removal of every occasion of delay, and among the rest the despatching away of the victuals, the doing forthwith what is necessary to the Richmond at Sheerness, and that fireship of the two (he supposes the Ann and Christopher) which they design to go along with them; as the Falcon also as soon as she arrives at Portsmouth. They are to hasten the Saudados that she may be ready to go also with this convoy, and in particular the despatch of her gilding, which is said to be most backward [522]. Has moved the king about what the masters of the small vessels propound touching the getting the 50 soli duty remitted to them at their coming to Dieppe, but it seems more trouble than it is worth. The king will be moved in council as they desire about the estimate for the wages and wear and tear to answer the late declaration for victual.

Postscript.—The enclosed report is first come to hand touching the condition of the Holmes. They are to order her to a dock if she requires it [582].

582. [p. 266.] 27 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Burton.*[2]—He is to follow the board's order as to going into dock or staying at Sheerness [581].

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[1] See note to No. 2.

[2] Commander of the Holmes [545].

583. [p. 266.] 27 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Hudson*, Dover[1] dogger.—Takes notice of his advice concerning the three flyboats brought into Dover. As to his want of gunner's stores, could he be supplied from Dover if he had an order for it? [597] Fears his desire to remain in that station is out of some particular respect to his private profit, as the writer has of late come to understand that those to whom he gives convoy complain of his exacting moneys from them, 'though not under the bare name of convoy-money, yet under another pretence, namely, for . . . giving them sailing orders, a practice newly crept into the navy,' and what he hears of from other parts also. This cannot be justified, nor will it be allowed by the lords.

584. [p. 267.] 27 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[2]—Desires to know whether a vessel at Dover can be supplied there with gunner's stores [597]. If not she must be called into the River.

585. [p. 267.] 27 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Ridley*, Woolwich sloop.—As the sloops cannot well keep the sea this winter, the lords have directed them to be paid off and laid up.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Barbor, Bonetta sloop.
'The like to Captain Country, of the Emsworth sloop.

586. [p. 267.] 28 *Oct.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—Heartily wishes his recovery, and thanks him for information of the departure of the Plymouth, Dover, and Dartmouth.

587. [p. 268.] 28 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir Jeremy Smyth.*[4]—The lords are very well satisfied with his great care in the despatch of the pay. He observes very well touching the inabilities he has found in the masters of several of the king's ships, and particularly him of the Yarmouth; they should all be examined by the Trinity House and approved of, before they be held capable of taking charge of a ship of the king's. Desires him to send down a messenger to the buoy of the Nore to know in what condition the Newcastle and Ruby are, (and the Nightingale if come thither from the Downs), to go northward as convoy to ships bound to Hull, Newcastle, and Leith. Most of them have stayed very long for convoy, and unless one of these may be presently ready to join with the Drake and Roebuck, now newly come in from the northward, the writer cannot foresee in what time any ships will be in a condition of being spared to serve this occasion.

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[1] MS. 'Dove.' See note to No. 340.

[2] See note to No. 87.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] See note to No. 68.

588. [p. 268.] 28 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To send down with all possible despatch two months' victuals to the Drake and three weeks' to the Roebuck, both newly arrived in the Hope.

589. [p. 269.] 28 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Colt,* Hunter. —At his own request and at the instance of Lord Ossory, the king allows him leave to come to town.

590. [p. 269.] 28 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Langley.*—In a few days some frigates will be appointed to call at Harwich to convoy the ships which are there bound to the northward.

591. [p. 269.] 28 *Oct.* *S. P. to Lieutenant Edwards,* Well dogger.—To come to the buoy of the Nore.

592. [p. 269.] 28 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Pitt.*—Will mention his case to Sir John Ernle [577, 805].

593. [p. 270.] 28 *Oct.* Robes Chamber at Whitehall. *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order to cause the sloops to be laid up and paid off as soon as they shall be enabled with moneys to do the same (except the Spy sloop, which lies on guard in the East Swale).

Signatures: Ormonde, Arlington, Anglesey.

594. [p. 271.] 28 *Oct.* Robes Chamber at Whitehall. *The same to the same.*—They are satisfied by their late letter in the necessity of the board's practice of splitting ships' books and tickets while the moneys assigned for the use of the navy were in their application limited to the service of particular years. But that occasion being now over, they conceive that the use now made of it, namely, that of keeping the account of each year's expense in sea-wages distinct, doth not in any benefit that accrues from it compensate the manifold perplexities as well as troubles which indispensably attend it, both to the navy office and the many persons that are thereby driven to long and chargeable delays in the getting of their tickets passed and payments made. They therefore direct the board to 'let fall that practice by letting the books and tickets contain the full time of each man's service' without 'any such splitting or distinction to be made thereon in reference to the difference of years wherein their said service hath been performed [412].'

They approve the board's objection to Sir John Godolphin's [1] account of his disbursements for impresting men, thinking it very unfit that his Majesty should be subject to the paying of presting charges without satisfaction given him that the men have actually been entered into his service, a circumstance not to be known without a knowledge first had of the ships on board which they were delivered. They desire to know whether he satisfied the board in this point in his last account, and if not, how they came to allow it.

Signatures: As in the preceding letter.

595. [p. 270.[2]] 29 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Reserve having lain long at Portsmouth for want of men, they are to turn over to her some of the pressed men out of the ships now there that are to be paid off.

Postscript.—The soldiers shipped at Harwich have got as far as the Downs, with but four days' victuals remaining on board. If not gone, desires their supply.

596. [p. 272.] 29 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Stepney*, Drake.[3]—He and the Roebuck are to make another trip to the northward.

597. [p. 272.] 29 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Hudson*, Dover dogger.—As he cannot have a supply of gunner's stores at Dover, he is to come to the buoy of the Nore [583 *and* 584].

598. [p. 272.] 29 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To provide a vessel to transport 100 men from the river of Thames unto Dieppe. Desires them to hasten the merchant ships intended for the West Indies, and to return to the lords the names of the ships they have taken up for that service.

599. [p. 273.] 29 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Eliot.*[4]—Desires to know the reason why he will not deliver the buss taken by him to the prize officers at Deal, as is usual in such cases.

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[1] Vice-Admiral of North Cornwall [709].

[2] Out of order in the MS.

[3] See note to No. 72.

[4] See note to No. 2.

600. [p. 273.] 29 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Jeremy Smyth.*[1]—Acknowledges the welcome news of the Sovereign's and Victory's coming up to their moorings, and his purpose of paying them speedily off. This being done he may come to town, there being some business now on foot relating to the victuals that makes his being here very necessary [604].

601. [p. 273.] 29 *Oct. S. P. to* ——.—Has communicated to his Majesty and the lords his letter of yesterday 'about the French ships coming into one of his docks, that so opened the inconvenience of it to them that they are resolved utterly to refuse it in case any application should be made for obtaining it.'

602. [p. 274.] 29 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—Will inquire into the reason of letters being kept at the posthouse.

603. [p. 274.] 29 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Nicholson.*[3]—To bring his sloop to Sheerness.

604. [p. 274.] 29 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Duncombe.*[4]—The lords have appointed to-morrow at 3 in the afternoon for the hearing of the matter in difference between Sir Denis Gauden and the rest of the victuallers, and desire his presence at the Robes Chamber at Whitehall [560 *and* 638].

605. [p. 275.] 29 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Reade.*[5]—To go to his station in the Soundings and follow the orders of Captain Young.[6]

606. [p. 275.] 29 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[7]—Thanks him for his account of the Morning Star, but the king has ordered her to her station in the Soundings, leaving the captain's explanation of his coming into port to another opportunity [568 *and* 605]. Desires him to make all despatch with her and the Hunter, these easterly winds being likely to carry many of the enemy's capers into the Channel.

607. [p. 275.] 30 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Lanyon.*[8]—Acknowledges his of the 26th, and doubts not that he has given the like account to the navy office of his purpose of coming to town. Is sorry for the greatness of the arrears due to him. Desires him to inform him more particularly concerning the abilities and experience of the person he recommends for a purser's place. Hopes that in a little time his Majesty's other services will allow of a ship to attend the convoy of the colliers.

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[1] See note to No. 68.

[2] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[3] Commander of the Lizard sloop [576].

[4] See note to No. 554.

[5] Commander of the Morning Star [46].

[6] Commander of the Plymouth. See note to No. 782.

[7] See note to No. 34.

[8] Agent at Plymouth [50].

608. [p. 276.] 30 *Oct.* *J. Sotherne*[1] *to* [*Captain Kempthorne*],[2] Monmouth yacht [Greenwich].—Mr. Pepys being gone out of town this morning, the writer signifies his Royal Highness's pleasure that, notwithstanding his orders from Captain Gunman[3] to return to Calais, he should go no farther than the Downs.

609. [p. 276.] 30 *Oct.* *The same to the same.*—Duplicate of No. 608 sent to the Downs.

610. [p. 276.] 30 *Oct.* Robes Chamber. *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Lord Treasurer.*[4]—Transmitting a copy of a late letter from the navy board giving an account when the new ships and 12 of the fireships may be finished, provided they have money.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, Arlington, H. Coventry.

611. [p. 277.] 30 *Oct.*[5] *J. Sotherne*[1] *to Mr. Hayter.*[6]—Mr. Lock[7] desires that the vessel for transporting the soldiers at Rochester may be hastened thither, as they lie at great charge and in danger of running away. He also desires that vessels may be at Tower Wharf to carry down to the buoy of the Nore the 300 and odd recruits which are to be sent to Tangier. The Fanfan and Royal Escape, now at Deptford, may be thought fit for this service.

612. [p. 277.] 31 *Oct.* *The same to the same.*—The lords desire the navy board to attend them to-morrow morning between 8 and 9 of the clock, and to bring with them an account of the present condition of the first convoy to the Straits, with the reasons why they are not yet ready to sail.

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[1] One of Pepys's clerks. On the death of John Pepys in 1677, Sotherne succeeded him as Hayter's colleague in the office of clerk of the acts.

[2] Admiral Sir John Kempthorne had three sons, John, Morgan, and Rupert, who were all captains in the navy (*D. N. B.* xxx. 398). Pepys's *Register* mentions the first two of these, and also a Captain William Kempthorne (*supra*, vol. i. p. 373), who may have been a nephew. The reference in the text is probably to John Kempthorne, who was appointed to command the Monmouth yacht in 1673 (*ib.*).

[3] See note to No. 431.

[4] See No. 641, and note to No. 310.

[5] The letter is dated 31 Oct. at the beginning, and 30 Oct. at the end, but the earlier date is probably correct.

[6] See note to No. 418.

[7] Secretary at war [449].

613. [p. 278.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 31 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order for the Anne and the Nightingale to be refitted and cleaned at Sheerness, and each furnished with 3 months' victuals.

Signatures: Latimer,[1] Shaftesbury, Anglesey, Ormonde.

614. [p. 278.] 31 *Oct. The same to the same.*—They desire the board to give them an account in writing of the present state of his Majesty's galleys in the Straits.

Upon information lately given them 'touching the great charge his Majesty is daily put to by the liberty taken by workmen in every of his Majesty's yards of spending much of their time and his Majesty's timber in a wasteful cutting of chips,'[2] the lords desire the board to give such effectual directions to the commissioners of the outports and the master shipwrights of each yard as may prevent the like evil for the time to come.

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret.

615. [p. 279.] 31 *Oct. J. S.*[3] *to Commissioner Deane.*—To send the enclosed letter to Sir John Narbrough.[4] His orders were to ply off Dungeness, and in case of a strong easterly wind (which blows here now) to make Portsmouth the rendezvous.

616. [p. 279.] 31 *Oct. J. S.*[3] *to Mr. Walsh*, at Rye.—To send the enclosed letter to Sir John Narbrough,[4] who is now plying with some frigates off Dungeness.

617. [p. 279.] 31 *Oct. J. S.*[3] *to Mr. Hudson.*[5]—Has delivered his paper to Sir Robert Southwell, secretary to the lords commissioners for prizes. He is to leave the vessel he has taken in the custody of the prize officers at Rye. To put out to sea with a letter to find Sir John Narbrough[4] [*see preceding letter*].

618. [p. 281.[6]] Robes Chamber. 31 *Oct. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Desires them to discourse with Sir Charles Wheeler about a proposal concerning a merchant ship to be employed as a man-of-war, and thereupon to return their opinion to the lords.

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[1] See note to No. 310.

[2] See note to No. 1708.

[3] See note to No. 608.

[4] See note to No. 427.

[5] See note to No. 340.

[6] Out of order in the MS.

Signatures: Shaftesbury, Ormonde, Latimer, Anglesey.

619. [p. 280.] 1 *Nov. J. S.*[1] *to the Contractors for Victualling.*—Upon the lords' inquiry this day into the readiness of the first convoys bound to the Straits, they find that their victuals are not yet gotten down to them; concerning which they desire to speak with them on Monday at 3.

620. [p. 280.] 1 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order to pay the ships named in the margin to 29 September, 1672, as also tickets for former service produced by men belonging to the said ships which shall proceed with them in their present voyage. They are also to send orders to Plymouth for furnishing Sir John Narbrough's[2] squadron with such victuals as he shall direct.

Margin: 'Swiftsure, Dreadnought, Swallow, Bonadventure, Falcon, Richmond, Speedwell, Ann and Christopher, Mary Rose.'
Signatures: Arlington, Anglesey, G. Carteret, E. Seymour.

621. [p. 280.] 1 *Nov. The same to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.*—His Majesty having received advice of a considerable fleet of Dutch men-of-war lately gone through the Channel, is very apprehensive lest the fleet of merchant ships now daily expected from Turkey should fall into their hands, and has therefore directed that the said merchant ships with their convoy, in case they put into Ireland, shall continue at Kinsale until a further strength of convoy shall be sent to them. The enclosed orders to be sent to the commanders of the convoys.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

622. [p. 281.] 1 *Nov. The same to Sir Jeremy Smyth.*[3]—As they have this day given their protection to Richard Uthwat for 2 months' time to pass his victualling account for the William and Thomas, whereof he was late purser, they desire him to give all convenient despatch to this account as it shall be brought before him.

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[1] See note to No. 608.

[2] See note to No 427.

[3] See note to No. 68.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

623. [p. 281.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 3 *Nov. The same to the Navy Board.*—Order to fit and victual a dogger or other small vessel to attend on the first convoy now bound to the Straits. Also to sign a bill upon the treasurer of the navy for impresting unto Captain Richard Rooth [1] 200*l.* for answering the contingencies of the said convoy, which is to be under his command.

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

624. [p. 282.] 3 *Nov. J. S.*[2] *to the same.*—The Guinea was on the 1st at Harwich, and he presumes she is now arrived at the buoy of the Nore, whither the Phœnix and the Constant Warwick are ordered from Yarmouth, but the latter is first to convoy Captain Berry's company to Dieppe. Desires them to inform him where the Guinea and the other ship designed for the southern voyage should refit. Has had word from Lord Craven [3] that 60 soldiers will be at Tower Wharf on Wednesday morning to go down to the buoy of the Nore; presumes they are some of the recruits for Tangier.

625. [p. 282.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 3 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the same*].—Order to send one month's victuals to the Princess, now at the buoy of the Nore.

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

626. [p. 282.] Robes Chamber. 3 *Nov. The same to* [*the same*].—Order to make out a bill for 3*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for sending an express from Dover to Sir John Holmes [4] in September last.

Signatures: Latimer,[5] Anglesey, Ormonde, Shaftesbury.

627. [p. 283.] 5 *Nov. J. S.*[2] *to the same.*—The carpenter of the Adventure is dismissed, and another shall be sent. The king approves of the Phœnix for the southern voyage, and of her going to Portsmouth to refit. On her way she may convoy from the buoy of the Nore the vessel they mention bound for Newhaven to take in soldiers. Desires them to hasten away the vessels for transporting soldiers from Rochester.

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[1] See note to No. 790.

[2] See note to No. 608.

[3] See note to No. 427.

[4] See note to No. 329.

[5] See note to No. 310.

628. [p. 283.] 6 *Nov. J. S.*[1] *to Captain Mayo*,[2] Princess.—He is to go again to the northward with the Drake and Roebuck, now in the Hope.

629. [p. 284.] 6 *Nov. J. S.*[1] *to Commissioner Deane.*[3]—The pretended Ostender, taken by Captain Andrews,[4] to be delivered into the hands of the prize officers at Portsmouth.

630. [p. 284.] 6 *Nov. J. S.*[1] *to Captain Andrews*,[4] Falcon.—To deliver his prize to the prize officers at Portsmouth [629].

631. [p. 284.] 6 *Nov. J. S.*[1] *to Colonel Piper.*[5]—Encloses duplicates of orders for Sir John Narbrough,[6] who with 2 ships more is coming westward, and will probably touch at Plymouth.

632. [p. 285.] 6 *Nov. J. S.*[1] *to Mr. Hudson*,[7] Dover dogger.—Has sent orders to Dover for his coming up to the buoy of the Nore for a supply of gunner's stores [597].

633. [p. 285.] 6 *Nov. J. S.*[1] *to Captain Watson*,[8] Phœnix.—He is appointed for the Guinea voyage, and to refit at Portsmouth.

634. [p. 286.] Robes Chamber, Whitehall. 6 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—The king in council having, by order of 31 October, directed the preparing an estimate for wages and wear and tear of 35,000 men for 8 months, as also for the necessaries for sick and wounded seamen, and the pursers' extraordinary necessary money for the aforesaid number of men and time, the lords require the board to present such an estimate to them in writing [641].

Signatures: Rupert, Anglesey, G. Carteret.

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[1] See note to No. 608.

[2] Charnock notes that Thomas Mayo was promoted to the command of the Princess after the action of 28 May, and then suggests, somewhat gratuitously, that 'he died soon after this time' (*Biog. Nav.* i. 349).

[3] See note to No. 34.

[4] See note to No. 265.

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

[6] See note to No. 427.

[7] See note to No. 340.

[8] See note to No. 195.

635. [p. 286.] 8 *Nov.* *The same to the same.*—Order to provide and send on board the ships in the margin hammaccoes for the land soldiers which are to be transported for recruits to the garrison at Tangier.

Margin: 'Swiftsure, Dreadnought, Swallow, Bonadventure, Ann and Christopher.'

Signatures: Latimer,[1] Anglesey, Ormonde, Arlington, H. Coventry.

636. [p. 287.] 8 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Hunter.*[2]—To send word what ships are at the Nore and Queenborough Swale, and what commanders aboard and what not.

Postscript.—Also how many men are directed to be borne on the French Ruby.

637. [p. 287.] 8 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Cooper*, Spy shallop.—To show the reason of his coming to town.

638. [p. 287.] 8 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir D. Gauden.*[3]—Wednesday morning is appointed for hearing the differences between him and his partners [604].

Underwritten: 'The like to the officers of the navy.'

639. [p. 288.] 10 *Nov.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords Commissioners for Prizes.*—Enclosing a petition from Francis Baylie, shipwright, and desiring that they will give him the preference in buying the Papenburgh prize[4] at the price that any other person will give, he intending to employ her for the carrying of masts, cordage, and other stores for equipping the 4th rate he is building by contract at Bristol [726].[5]

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret, Ew^{d}. Seymour, H. Coventry.

640. [p. 288.] Robes Chamber, &c. 10 *Nov.* *The same to the Navy Board.*—Order for the hired vessels Guinea and Eliz[abeth] ketch to be paid off, and the Greyhound refitted, cleaned, and victualled for 2 months. The lords approve what they propose, that the Well dogger attend the first convoy to the Straits.

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[1] See note to No. 310.

[2] Clerk of the check at Sheerness.

[3] See note to No. 553.

[4] The Papenburgh of Enkhuyzsen was a Dutch East Indiaman of 500 tons and 16 guns, taken by the French (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 488).

[5] The Oxford [538], a ship of 670 tons burden, carrying 280 men and 54 guns (*supra*, vol. i. p. 274).

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, E. Seymour, H. Coventry.

641. [p. 289.] Robes Chamber. 10 *Nov. The same to Viscount Latimer,*[1] *Lord Treasurer.*—Enclosing an order in council for his preparing and passing a privy seal for 280,000*l.* contained in the late estimate for 8 months' provisions for 35,000 men [634], as also a letter from the navy board concerning the moneys necessary for the next year's service.

Signatures: Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret, E. Seymour, H. Coventry.

642. [p. 289.] 10 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Eliot,*[2] Anne. —The information against him by his officers enclosed. He is to make inquiry from whose hand it came [662].

643. [p. 290.] 10 *Nov.* [*S. P.*] *to the Navy Board.*— Concerning a pension for Robert Hutchings [873].

644. [p. 290.] 10 *Nov. S. P. to Sir John Duncombe.*[3] —Wednesday morning appointed for Sir Denis Gauden and partners [638 *and* 683].

645. [p. 291.] 10 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Watson,*[4] Phœnix.—The lords approve his sending up Clifford's sloop,[5] and would have him send in all the other sloops with him unto Sheerness to be paid off. Hopes he has received his orders to go to Portsmouth to refit. The Kitchen yacht the king would have sent up to Greenwich.

646. [p. 291.] 10 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Belbin,*[6] Sweepstakes.—Is glad to hear of his arrival in the Downs with his convoys. Orders enclosed for bringing his ship to Sheerness to refit for her intended voyage to the Straits the last of the month [450].

647. [p. 292.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Hayter.*[7]—Hears that 'the publication made for the inviting men to the ships going out is done so obscurely (as being only a clause in a paper containing many other particulars), that the commanders fear the seamen will scarce be possessed enough with it, unless it be strengthened by something published for that particular purpose.' As it is a matter of moment to the king to have the ships got out of the River, and the more because of the frost now threatening, desires him to bring the matter, if needful, to the consideration of his board.

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[1] See note to No. 310. Osborne had been appointed lord high treasurer of England on 19 June. He became Earl of Danby on 27 June, 1674 (*D. N. B.* xlii. 296).

[2] See note to No. 2.

[3] See note to No. 554.

[4] See note to No. 195.

[5] The Prevention sloop [653], which Captain Elias Clifford was commanding about this time (*supra*, vol. i. p. 336).

[6] MS. 'Bebbin.'

[7] See note to No. 418.

648. [p. 292.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Pearce.*[1]—Has received his letter of the 8th, wherein he desires leave to come up to town for 6 days; but he must first give the lords satisfaction by whose leave he lately came up, and why he did not attend them for orders.

649. [p. 293.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Patrick Monteath.*[2]—The Phœnix, now taking in her victuals at the buoy of the Nore, is designed to convoy the soldiers he is concerned for to Dieppe [653].

650. [p. 293.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Gauden.*[3]—The writer cannot send him a warrant for the discharge of the men he mentions pressed from vessels bound with provisions for the garrison at Tangier until he knows the names of them.

651. [p. 294.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4]—The king and lords are well satisfied with what he tells them of his having found the coast so clear of capers, notwithstanding the clamorous reports the merchants had given of their great number. He has done well in delivering the vessels he has retaken to the officers of the prizes. As to the foulness of his ships and their ill condition to stay abroad this winter, his service will be over upon the first arrival of the Smyrna fleet.

652. [p. 294.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Mayne.*—The king, by his late directions to Sir John Narbrough,[4] has taken care for the security of the ships coming from Morlaix under the convoy of the Mermaid [721], and provision will be speedily made for securing the coast against the capers. The Straits convoy shall call at Plymouth and take along with them such ships as are bound their way from any of the western ports, his Majesty and the lords being very desirous of doing all that may be for securing trade.

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[1] See note to No. 531.

[2] MS. 'Monteth.

[3] Benjamin Gauden. See note to No. 553.

[4] See note to No. 427.

653. [p. 295.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Two companies of Sir William Lockhart's regiment designed to be shipped at Deal being ordered to Dover, one or two of the vessels appointed to transport them to Dieppe are to be at the disposal of Sir Patrick Monteath,[1] lieutenant-colonel to Sir William Lockhart. Desires them to hasten down the victuals to the Phœnix, she being intended for convoy of these men [649]. The captain of the Prevention sloop having been with him this day for a warrant for victuals, and she being to be paid off with the rest of the sloops, the writer acquaints them therewith that so they may please to order her into petty warrant until she can be paid.

654. [p. 295.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Hopes by his next to hear of Sir John Narbrough's[3] departure to the westward for the meeting and securing the Smyrna fleet.

655. [p. 296.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[4]—In making out the tickets of the land forces they are at a loss at the navy office to distinguish of the several companies which belong to one regiment and which to another. He apprehends it necessary that Lord Brouncker[5] or Mr. Lewis[6] should be informed in the matter.

656. [p. 296.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Pyend,*[7] Ruby.—To lose no time in fitting his ship to sail; and to take care to prevent discontent among his men from the mistake he and they seem to be under that the Swiftsure is to be paid, there being no such thing intended save only the paying of the tickets of such as shall serve in her in the present voyage.

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[1] MS. 'Monteth.'

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See note to No. 427.

[4] Secretary at war [449].

[5] Comptroller of the treasurer's accounts. See also *D. N. B.* vi. 469.

[6] Thomas Lewis was in charge of the ticket office (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 8, and elsewhere).

[7] According to Charnock, Captain Stephen Pyend was appointed to command the Ruby in 1672, and 'in a very few weeks afterwards' was promoted to the Sovereign (*Biog. Nav.* i. 254). He also mentions a Valentine Pyend (*ib.* i. 84). See *supra*, vol. i. p. 396.

657. [p. 297.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Watson,*[1] Phœnix.—Victuals have been sent down to him, and he is to lose no time in taking them on board, as the regiment he is to convoy to Dieppe is expecting him, and the service calls for his despatch thence to Portsmouth to refit for the voyage to Guinea.

658. [p. 297.] Robes Chamber, &c. 12 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Desire their opinion on the enclosed proposition concerning the building of some men-of-war for his Majesty's service in the Baltic Sea.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, Arlington, G. Carteret.

659. [p. 297.] Robes Chamber, &c. 12 *Nov. The same to the same.*—Order to make allowance of pay to Captain Carverth[2] as second captain of the St. Michael, under the command of the Earl of Ossory, from the date of Sir John Narbrough's commission to be rear-admiral of the red[3] to the time the ship was paid off.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

660. [p. 298.] Robes Chamber, &c. 12 *Nov. The same to the same.*—Order to cause the Guernsey to be forthwith fitted and victualled for one of the convoys to Bordeaux in the room of the Guinea.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

661. [p. 298.] 12 *Nov. S. P. to the same.*—The Plymouth prize is to be fitted at Plymouth rather than at Portsmouth, if the charge be not very different, as the lords are intending her for service to the westward this winter.

662. [p. 299.] 13 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Eliot.*[4]—Wishes he had sent a confirmation of his report touching the behaviour of his men under the hands of those commanders who were present at his examination of them, and this the rather because no longer ago than yesterday some gentlemen of very good quality (land officers) made some reports to the king received from their soldiers on board him touching very great hardships and severities which they pretend to have received from him. No doubt the matter will be examined by a court-martial. Hopes above all things that he will endeavour the quieting of his men, whom the want of money may principally have led to this mutinous temper.

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[1] See note to No. 195.

[2] Henry Carverth, who was under the special patronage of the Earl of Ossory, had been twice appointed second captain of the St. Michael in 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 333). His patron had been appointed to command her in May 1673 (*D. N. B.* viii. 84).

[3] 17 Sept. 1673 (*D. N. B.* xl. 90). Carverth's second commission as second captain was dated 25 Sept. (*supra*, vol. i. p. 333).

[4] See note to No. 2.

663. [p. 300.] 13 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to provide and victual vessels to transport 680 soldiers from Portsmouth and 264 from Harwich to Dieppe, for recruits unto the companies already in France.

664. [p. 300.] 13 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Lanyon.*[1]—Captain Young's prize [508 *and* 515] is to be convoy to the coal vessels so soon as she can be fitted. Desires him to send for the information of the lords a particular state of her hull and furniture, and the charge of putting her into a condition of service. In the meantime a couple of small frigates of the western squadron (the Smyrna fleet being now come safe in) are to ply constantly 'to and again,' upon the coast westward from Plymouth, to make the passage of these vessels and others less hazardous.

665. [p. 301.] 13 *Nov. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—The convoys designed to the Straits and Bordeaux fleets will take care of all the fish ships that shall be ready at the place of rendezvous at the departure of the said convoys. The writer will move the lords for a convoy for their colliery.

666. [p. 301.] 13 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Skelton.*[2]—To return the lords his answer to the petition enclosed.

667. [p. 302.] 13 *Nov. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—The last post brought the welcome news of the safe arrival of the Turkey ships at Plymouth, and Sir John Narbrough's[4] intentions of coming with them to the Downs with the rest of the western squadron, leaving only two of the smallest to secure the return of the St. Malo and Morlaix ships. Desires him, in case either the Hunter, which lately went from Portsmouth, or any of Captain Young's squadron from the westward shall come into Plymouth, to direct them to ply out at sea in the way of them, and upon meeting them to join with the convoy already with them, and secure them to their ports.

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[1] Agent at Plymouth [50].

[2] See note to No. 44.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] See note to No. 427.

668. [p. 302.] 14 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Bryan*, purser, Prince.—The lords having been moved by one Mr. John Craven for leave to take the benefit of the law against him for debt, will not deny it longer than that he may have time to certify them what method he propounds for satisfying the debt.

669. [p. 303.] 14 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Pearce.*[1]—His Majesty grants him leave to come to town for 4 or 5 days.

670. [p. 303.] Robes Chamber, &c. 15 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Enclosing a petition from several of the chaplains complaining of great delays in the receipt of their moneys arising from the method lately established of paying them by the books, and desiring that the old method of paying them by the complements may be resumed, 'being willing rather to forego the benefit intended them by the late alteration than be exposed to the greater inconveniencies arising from the delays attending the casting of the books.' The lords authorise and desire the board from henceforwards to pay the chaplains of the fleet according to the old practice by the complements of men, unless they can make the new method as easy to them in circumstance of despatch as the old practice was.

Signatures: Rupert, Anglesey, Ormonde, Arlington, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

671. [p. 304.] 15 *Nov. The same to* [*the same*].—To communicate to them a late resolution of his Majesty in council [2] whereby volunteers serving by particular order of the lord high admiral are entitled to the benefit of the late establishment[1] for officers of ships wounded in his Majesty's service 'at the seas.'

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[1] See note to No. 531.

[2] Dated 15 Oct. 1673 (Pepysian MSS. *Naval Precedents*, p. 219). See General Introduction, vol. i. p. 149 *supra*

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

672. [p. 304.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Skelton.*[2]—He is to discharge Ralph Sley, lately pressed out of the Friends' Delight of Barking, and to examine his boatswain why he pressed him contrary to the lords' protection.

673. [p. 305.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[3]—Leave to come to town when the work on the Royal Charles is over.

674. [p. 305.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Colt,*[4] Hunter.—Desires him to secure his lieutenant to answer for wounding the carpenter at Portsmouth, either to a court-martial if it was done on board ship, or to the ordinary course of the law if on shore.

675. [p. 305.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Thomas Clutterbuck.*[5]—Desires an account in writing of the method of victualling the galleys, both as it now is, and is designed to be hereafter.

676. [p. 306.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Pley.*[6]—Will call Captain Tapson, commander of the Mermaid, to account so soon as he comes within reach, which he hopes will shortly be, with the merchant ships that have so long expected convoy from St. Malo and Morlaix. The Turkey fleet being now come safe home, some of the western squadron will be at liberty to attend the ships trading to those parts.

677. [p. 306.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[7]—The lords approve of his sending the Pearl to give notice to Captain Young[8] of the arrival of the Smyrna ships, and orders go this post to him directing the return of the ships with him into Plymouth [679]. What he writes concerning the Morning Star is mistaken from the Eaglet ketch, 'who returning from Jamaica had off of Falmouth some scuffle with a privateer.' Has written to

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[1] By Order in Council of 6 June, 1673 (Pepysian MSS. *Naval Precedents*, p. 218). See General Introduction, vol. i. pp. 148-9 *supra.*

[2] Commander of the Speedwell. See note to No. 44.

[3] See note to No. 34.

[4] See note to No. 115.

[5] See note to No. 1166.

[6] See note to No. 578.

[7] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[8] See note to No. 783.

Colonel Piper for meeting the ships from St. Malo and Morlaix [667].

678. [p. 307.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Eliot*,[1] Anne.—Leave to come up to town, but in case the court-martial which is to be held by Captain Rooth[2] be not over before he comes away, he must be down again when it is held.

679. [p. 307.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—As Sir John Narbrough writes that the Pearl will be sent out into the Soundings to advertise Captain Young of the arrival of the Turkey ships, orders to him are enclosed to return with his squadron into Plymouth [677].

680. [p. 307.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Sir William Doyley.*[4]—His Majesty purposing to consider with the lord treasurer and others of the council to-morrow afternoon the moneys necessary to be provided for next year's service, the writer desires him to give an account of the charge for sick and wounded for the year, as a ground for his calculating what may be needful for next year.

Postscript.—'My servant shall call for it about 8 in the morning.'

681. [p. 308.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[5]—Will speak with the French ambassador about the quitting of the storehouses [781].

682. [p. 308.] 15 *Nov.* [*S. P.*] *to the Navy Board.*—To furnish the Eaglet ketch, now arrived at Falmouth from Jamaica, with one month's victuals on her coming to Plymouth.

683. [p. 308.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Sir John Duncombe.*[6]—The lords have appointed Tuesday next at 3 in the afternoon for hearing the matter in difference between Sir Denis Gauden and the rest of the victuallers, and in pursuance of his Majesty's command in council they desire his attendance [644].

684. [p. 309.] 15 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Thomas Littleton, Mr. Child, and Mr. Papillon.*[7]—To the same effect [683].

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[1] See note to No. 2.

[2] See note to No. 790.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] One of the commissioners for the care of sick and wounded seamen.

[5] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[6] See note to No. 554.

[7] Sir Denis Gauden's partners in the victualling. See note to No. 553.

685. [p. 309.] 15 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir Denis Gauden.*—To the same effect [684].

686. [p. 310.] 16 *Nov.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Desires them to inquire into the delay in sending the victuals ordered to the buoy of the Nore for the Princess and the Phœnix, there being a great convoy waiting in the River and at Harwich bound to the northward, which are to go under the convoy of the Princess, and the vessels with soldiers from Deal for Dieppe waiting for the coming of the Phœnix. According to their advice the king has pitched upon the Nightingale to go for Bordeaux in the room of the Guernsey.

687. [p. 310.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 17 *Nov.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Order to pay the wages due to Captain John Dawson as second captain [1] of the St. Michael, and to Captain Leonard Harris [2] as captain of the Guernsey.

Signatures : Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

688. [p. 311.] 17 *Nov.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to send orders for the speedy refitting of the Sweepstakes at Sheerness for her designed voyage to Turkey, and the Mary at Portsmouth for the Straits.

689. [p. 311.] 17 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[3]—Finding by the list this day from the Downs that he is there with the Mary, Monck, and Bristol, the writer is to signify the king's pleasure for him to return with the Monck and Bristol to Calais to meet the Duchess of York.

690. [p. 311.] 17 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Watson.*[4]—To make the best of his way to Portsmouth to fit for a southern voyage [700].

691. [p. 312.] 18 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Pley.*[5]—One of the western squadron is to be sent to Morlaix to join with the Mermaid for the better security of the merchant ships coming from that port and St. Malo [692].

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[1] Charnock says that at the commencement of the war John Dawson, who had commanded the Truelove fireship, was taken by Sir Robert Holmes to serve on board his flagship, the St. Michael, as first lieutenant, and in 1673 he served for a short time as second *lieutenant* of the same ship (*Biog. Nav.* i. 317) ! The same statement is also made in Pepys's *Register* (vol. i. p. 343 *supra*). Pepys there mentions four other officers of the same surname.

[2] See No. 419 and note to No. 353.

[3] *D. N. B.* lv. 52. See note to No. 564.

[4] See note to No. 195.

[5] See note to No. 578.

692. [p. 312.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Pinn.*[1]—Colonel Piper is to send his ship or some other that will be first ready over to Morlaix [691 *and* 693]. If it be he, to use all despatch.

693. [p. 312.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks him for his advice of the 14th of the Plymouth's retaking of the coast merchantman, and the coming in [of] the Dartmouth. He is to send her or some other frigate over to Morlaix for the strengthening the convoy with the ships coming from thence, and that speedily, as the lords have received this last post very pressing solicitations from the merchants at Weymouth on the behalf of those ships [692].

694. [p. 313.] Robes Chamber, &c. 18 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—All ships going to sea this winter are to be paid before going to 30 Sept. 1672. The Bezan yacht is to be cleaned and repaired.

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

695. [p. 313.] Robes Chamber, &c. 18 *Nov. The same to* [*the same*].—Order, upon the desire of Prince Rupert, to pay five midshipmen extraordinary for the time that they served last summer in the Edgar and Sovereign; also two able and two ordinary seamen.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

696. [p. 313.] Robes Chamber, &c. 19 *Nov. The same to* [*the same*].—Whereas it appears that the seamen mentioned in the margin[3] belonging to the Royal Katherine were not only commanded by Captain Legge[4] to repair on board the Katherine fireship with promise of 10*l.* each in case they did execution with her, but that they were actually in service on board her and took a Dutch man-of-war which afterwards sunk, for which service they having as yet received but 40*s.* each, except the coxswain who received 5*l.* by order of Prince Rupert, the board are required to make out a bill for 8*l.* to each and 5*l.* to the coxswain.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

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[1] Commander of the Dartmouth.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] There are ten names in the margin.

[4] See note to No. 308.

697. [p. 314.] 19 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Ridley.*[1]—He is to discharge William Bawcombe, pressed out of a boat employed in bringing fish from Gravesend, his Christian name having been mistaken in the protection and wrongly written Thomas, without the knowledge of the master, who can neither write nor read.

[This letter is cancelled. See next letter.]

698. [p. 314.] 19 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Wood,*[2] Bonadventure.—He is to discharge William Bawcombe, lately pressed by the Woolwich sloop and sent on board the Bonadventure, his name having been inserted in the protection as Thomas instead of William [697].

699. [p. 315.] 20 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[3]—Money for paying his men went away yesterday. Will hasten the 200*l.* for contingencies, as also credit for so much more to be answered to him abroad [759]. Will acquaint the lords with the badness of his bread, and take care that a month's victuals be ordered for him in the Downs. Has sent by Mr. St. Michel[4] 5,000*l.* for the garrison of Tangier by order of the lords commissioners for Tangier. Entreats him to receive it, and, after view of the parcels, firmly make up the boxes with iron plates sent with them for the purpose, and deliver them to Mr. St. John, the paymaster at Tangier [745].

700. [p. 315.] 20 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Watson,*[5] Phœnix.—His ship is to be cleaned and fitted at Sheerness instead of Portsmouth [690].

701. [p. 316.] 20 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to order the victuallers to have in readiness in the Downs against the arrival of Captain Rooth[3] and the ships in the margin bound for the Straits a month's victuals for the said ships; and to inquire why he has not received his full proportion, as also into the truth of his complaint of his bread [717]. They are to remember his 200*l.*

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[1] Commander of the Woolwich sloop [528].

[2] Captain John Wood, commander of the Bonadventure (*supra*, vol. i. p. 426). Pepys's *Register* mentions six other officers of the same surname.

[3] See note to No. 790.

[4] Balthazar St. Michel, muster-master at Deal, was the brother-in-law of Pepys.

[5] See note to No. 195.

for contingencies; will speedily send them an order for procuring him credit for the like sum at Cadiz [759]. The writer is earnestly to put them in mind of doing all that may be for hastening the Phœnix at Sheerness for a southern voyage, and especially her victuals, his Majesty being very earnest that she should accompany Captain Rooth. They are also desired to hasten the refitting of the Holmes. Some of the beer for the Success is not come down and she is gone towards the Downs without it, depending on the victuallers supplying the purser with credit to receive it from Dover or that it be sent after her. Earnestly moves them to have the victuallers quickened, the backwardness of the sending down of provisions having of late especially been greatly to the prejudice of the service.

Margin: Swiftsure, Dreadnought, Swallow, Bonadventure, Falcon, Richmond, Speedwell, Ann and Christopher, Well dogger.

702. [p. 317.] 20 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Wright.*[1]—Will acquaint the lords with his arrival at Plymouth. To make all possible despatch in fitting his ship.

703. [p. 317.] 20 *Nov.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—The lords approve his care in despatching the Dartmouth to Morlaix [693]. Desires him to quicken the Plymouth and Nonsuch that they may be in condition for doing service again at sea.

704. [p. 317.] 20 *Nov.* *S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—To have all their ships in readiness against a frigate shall arrive to bring them to the rendezvous of the fleets bound to the Straits and Bordeaux, which they may expect in a few days.

705. [p. 318.] 20 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Young.*[3]—To hasten to sea again with the rest of the ships with him at Plymouth. He will do well to send in the dogger he complains of, in the room of which he will have his prize, the Swan, as soon as she can be put in readiness for the sea [515].

706. [p. 318.] 20 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Lanyon.*—In the absence of Mr. John Lanyon[1] (who is not as yet come to London) he is to desire him to hasten forth the king's ships now in his port, the reports of the number of capers infesting the coast calling for their being abroad as soon as may be.[2]

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[1] Captain Lawrence Wright: see note to No. 896.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See note to No. 783.

707. [p. 321.[3]] 20 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Watson*,[4] commander of the Phœnix, at Sheerness.—The despatch of his ship is of so much importance that he dares not but write again [690, 700, 723] to press him to use all possible despatch in being fitted at Sheerness, where his victuals will be shortly sent him.

708. [p. 321.[3]] 20 *Nov. S. P. to Commissioner Beach*,[5] at Chatham.—Thanks him for his care in despatching the letters to the fleet.

709. [p. 321.[3]] [20 *Nov.*] *S. P. to Captain Walsh*, of the Jersey.—Encloses warrants for his and the Leopard's coming in to be refitted—if they need no dock, to Portsmouth, otherwise to Woolwich.

710. [p. 319.] 21 *Nov. S. Pepys to the Navy Board.*—They will speedily receive his Majesty's pleasure touching the allowance to the masters of merchant ships to be hired into the service. Desires a copy of their paper presented yesterday to the king and council touching the distribution of the sums demanded for the next year's service.

Postscript.—'The king designing the Greyhound for present service, and she staying . . . only for a boat, pray be pleased to give order for her despatch.'

711. [p. 319.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 22 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Earl of Winchilsea*,[6] [vice-admiral of] Kent. To transmit a copy of an Order in Council dated 19 Nov. for an embargo to be laid on all ships going to the Canaries, Barbados, or the western islands and plantations.

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[1] There were two Lanyons at Plymouth, and it is not easy to distinguish them in the correspondence. Mr. John Lanyon was mayor of Plymouth, and navy agent there (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1672–3 and 1673, index); but Captain Philip Lanyon had also some post connected with the navy [1288].

[2] Compare a letter to Sir J. Williamson, dated 21 November, 1673, complaining that by reason of the capers coals in London are 3*l.* 12*s.* a ton, 'which vexes people the more because they say it might in great measure be prevented could they have constant convoys' for the colliers (*Letters to Sir Joseph Williamson*, ii. 80: Camden Society, new series, vol. ix.).

[3] Out of order in the MS.

[4] See note to No. 195.

[5] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[6] *D. N. B.* xix. 11.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

Underwritten: 'The like to Lord Castleton, Lincoln; Lord Ashley,[1] Dorset; Earl of Mulgrave, York; Lord Townshend,[2] Norfolk; Earl of Carlisle, Northumberland, &c.'[3]

712. [p. 320.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 22 *Nov.* *The same to Mr. Fowell,* [vice-admiral of] Devon.—[*To the same effect as the preceding, but the form is slightly varied to meet the case of commoners.*]

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

Underwritten: 'The like to Sir Jonathan Trelawny, South Cornwall; Sir John Bramston,[4] Essex; Sir John Pelham, Sussex; Sir John Godolphin, North Cornwall; Sir Edward Mansell, South Wales; Mr. Cholmondeley, Cheshire; Sir Robert Holmes,[5] Hampshire; Colonel Robinson, North Wales; Sir Henry Felton, Suffolk; Mr. Bankes, Lancashire; Sir Thomas Bridges, Somerset; the Mayor of Bristol (within his jurisdiction).'

713. [p. 320.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 22 *Nov.* *The same to the Navy Board.*—Order for the Kitchen yacht to be paid off till 30 Sept. 1672; as also the wages due to the company lately belonging to the Eagle fireship, sunk in her voyage to St. Helena.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

714. [p. 322.] 22 *Nov.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane,*[6] at Portsmouth.—Should the Phœnix come into Portsmouth, she is designed to be sent immediately away upon a voyage to the southward, so that not one moment's time is to be lost in fitting her to accompany the convoy designed for the Straits, which are now ready to sail out of the river of Thames.

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[1] The son of the first Earl of Shaftesbury, and afterwards the second Earl. The Vice-Admiralty of Dorset was in this family for three generations (*D. N. B.* xii. 131).

[2] *D. N. B.* lvii. 128.

[3] Charles Howard had been created Earl of Carlisle, 20 April, 1661, and constituted Vice-Admiral of Northumberland, Cumberland, and Durham on 18 June following (*D. N. B.* xxviii. 7).

[4] *D. N. B.* vi. 210.

[5] Governor of the Isle of Wight (*D. N. B.* xxvii. 194).

[6] See note to No. 34.

715. [p. 322.] 22 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Anthony Young*,[1] commander of the Plymouth, at Plymouth.—His Majesty is graciously pleased to have the officers of the navy quickened in the valuing of his prize, and causing the same to be satisfied for by moneys to him and his company as soon as may be [723]. Prays advice of the ships he appoints for Morlaix.

716. [p. 322.] 22 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Pyend*,[2] commander of the Ruby.—Ships bound for abroad have pay ordered them to 30 Sept. 1672; those to be employed on the coast as fast as money can be provided, which is his case, he being designed to attend the colliery in company with the Newcastle and others. The king and lords expect that such ships should not insist on present payment, though so soon as the ships bound for foreign service are paid it is the king's purpose that he and the rest employed on the winter guard shall also receive satisfaction. Encloses an order for his sailing.

717. [p. 323.] 22 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[3]—Is endeavouring to find out Captain Eliot[4] and hasten him down to him. The victuallers excuse the badness of the bread [701] by its being of a parcel provided at Portsmouth, which they on his complaint immediately exchanged for better. Desires to be further informed in case either he or any of the rest of the ships with him have not yet had right done them therein. Will hasten the rest of the soldiers down, together with his victuals.

718. [p. 323.] 22 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[5]—The Stavoreen is waiting at Gravesend for nothing but what relates to the office of the ordnance. Desires her supply.

719. [p. 324.] 22 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Watson*,[6] Phœnix.—Desires him to inform him of the despatch he makes in fitting his ship where he is [707].

720. [p. 324.] 22 *Nov. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[7]—Acknowledges his 'welcome news' of his coming into the Downs with the Turkey fleet. Further orders enclosed.

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[1] See note to No. 783.

[2] See note to No. 656.

[3] See note to No. 790.

[4] Commander of the Anne. See note to No. 2.

[5] Master-general of the ordnance.

[6] See note to No. 195.

[7] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

721. [p. 324.] 22 *Nov.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Is this night sending Captain Young [2] his Majesty's warrant for his ordering the Mermaid and Morning Star to go over to Morlaix, to fetch the merchant ships from thence [722].

722. [p. 325.] 22 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Mayne.*—An order is this night gone to Captain Young [721].

723. [p. 325.] 22 *Nov.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Desires the despatch of the Phœnix by the timely sending down her provisions [707, 728]. Her other wants as to her fitting will be soon answered, and his Majesty is 'pressing very much' that she may be ready to take the benefit of the convoy designed for the Straits. Desires an account of the matter complained of touching the storekeeper at Portsmouth, which was long since said to be under their examination. The lords purpose to visit them on Tuesday next in the morning at their office to discourse with them touching the admiral's printed instructions to commanders, and what therein (if anything) may upon debate be thought fit to be corrected or improved. Will not fail to present to the king in council to-morrow in the afternoon their letter touching the inability of the victuallers to answer their late warrants without a supply of money, 'a matter which, if not instantly remedied, will turn extraordinary to the disservice of his Majesty, by causing a stop to the going forth of those ships to the Straits and elsewhere, which have already met with too many delays.' They are to hasten the appraisement of the Plymouth's prize brought into Plymouth, that she may do service against the capers which infest the western coast; and so to satisfy the reasonable importunities of the Plymouth's company for the money they are to receive of his Majesty for her [715]. Understands from Captain Rooth [3] that but 194 men of the 300 men designed for Tangier are come on board the ships at the Nore. How does it come to pass that the victuals for the said soldiers are not yet come down to the ships? Desires that Captain Perriman,[4] or some other fitting person, may be sent down the River to inquire why the Bonadventure and Speedwell are not yet gone to the Nore.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 783.

[3] See note to No. 790.

[4] See note to No. 286.

724. [p. 327.] Robes Chamber. 24 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Lord Treasurer.*—Desiring money to answer the warrants for victuals [723].

Signatures: Rupert, Anglesey, H. Coventry.

725. [p. 328.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 24 *Nov. The same to Mr. Cooper*, commander of the Spy sloop.—The errand on which he came to town is such as might excuse the desire of leave to attend. Yet it is a practice very unfit to be allowed that commanders should on any occasion take the liberty of leaving their ships without express permission from this board.

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

726. [p. 328.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 24 *Nov. The same to the Navy Board.*—To receive from the sub-commissioners of prizes for the Port of London the Papenburgh prize and to deliver her to Mr. Francis Baylie, of Bristol, for the timely enabling him to transport from hence the masts and stores of the new ship building by him at Bristol, he paying what the same shall be valued at by the said commissioners [639].

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

727. [p. 329.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Harris,*[1] Constant Warwick.—Hopes he will get a supply of victuals at Dover to enable him to come up to the buoy of the Nore, where a further supply will be sent him for his voyage to Guernsey and Jersey. He will do well to bring the Peterman dogger which he has retaken, along with him to the Nore.

728. [p. 329.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Phœnix is to come up from Sheerness to the Hope in order to her readier taking in of her provisions and stores, which should be directed to her thither [723 *and* 729], as she is to go with the rest of the fleet to the Straits, which is designed to be gone at the farthest by the last of the month.

Postscript.—They are to remember that a copy of the victualling contract be brought with them to-morrow afternoon to the debate between Sir D. Gauden and Sir T. Littleton, &c. [683], and Sir Jeremy Smyth's report upon the late two states of the victuallers' accounts for 1672 and 1673.

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[1] See note to No. 353.

729. [p. 330.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Watson.*[1]—He is to use all possible diligence in the getting of his ship ready to sail. The enclosed authorises him to take in his provisions at the Hope. Orders are gone to the officers of the ordnance for supplying him with what he wants from thence. He is to remember to take care of his men that they be not lost, there being no time for the getting of more.

730. [p. 330.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Lhostein.*[2]—Presumes he has received intimation from Sir John Narbrough[3] of his Majesty's command for his immediate repair to Yarmouth, to bring away such ships as are in readiness bound for the Straits and Bordeaux to the Downs, where both fleets are to rendezvous.

731. [p. 331.] 25 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Buckworth.*—The time being near at hand by which the second convoy designed for the Straits was to be in readiness to sail,[4] the king has resolved that one convoy shall answer both, which will not occasion above eight days' delay to the ships that are now most forward, he having directed that all his own ships be ready precisely by the last of this month. Desires that the merchants may be in like readiness at that time—as well those bound to Bordeaux, as those to Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Turkey, and also the ships bound for Guinea.

732. [p. 331.] 25 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Gold.*[5]—[*To the same effect as the preceding, omitting the reference to the 'ships bound to Guinea.'*]

733. [p. 332.] Robes Chamber, &c. 25 *Nov. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Officers employed for the impresting of seamen are not restrained from pressing either within the place they mention nor any other where persons fit for the service of his Majesty are to be found; 'nor is it to be expected that they should forbear the impresting of every man that shall pretend his being summoned to serve his Majesty in any other place, as you say some of those are who have been lately imprested by the officers of the Success, unless where it doth appear by good certificate that they are already entertained on some other part of his Majesty's service, and at that time attending thereon.'

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[1] See note to No. 195.

[2] See note to No. 143.

[3] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[4] 30 Nov. See No. 450.

[5] See note to No. 908.

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

734. [p. 332.] [25 *Nov.*] *S. Pepys to the Navy Board.*—To give satisfaction to the lords touching their proposition last night of having 10,000*l.* in ready money and 15,000*l.* in bonds to enable them to answer the victualling warrants now upon their hands, the writer desires them to let him have a particular of those warrants on which they say there is 25,000*l.* worth of victuals wanting for completing the same.

735. [p. 333.] 28 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Young.*[1]—Orders enclosed for his going to the Straits. These to be executed to his utmost diligence, as a matter wherein his Majesty is pleased very much to concern himself out of his gracious regard to the merchants interested.

Postscript.—He is (if necessary) to use the same expedient for supplying the Dover with victuals as he is directed to for his own ship.

736. [p. 333.] 29 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[2]—To prepare an order for the king's signature for supplying Captain Willshaw,[3] commander of the Reserve now at Portsmouth, 'with 20 soldiers out of the garrison there' [755].

737. [p. 334.] 29 *Nov.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Henrietta and York are come in to the buoy of the Nore; the board is to direct them where to go to be docked. Reminds them of provisions for the Phœnix, whose purser and boatswain are to attend them; also of stores to Sheerness for the Sweepstakes, which stays only for them. The writer is also commanded to take notice of the want of pilots, as well to carry the ships out of the River to the Downs as to bring several out of the Downs hither; wherein they are desired to 'see all that may be, done for the removing thereof.'

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[1] See note to No. 783.

[2] Secretary at war [449].

[3] See note to No. 507.

738. [p. 334.] 29 *Nov.* *Warrant from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—The king having appointed Sir Denis Gauden, Sir Denny Ashburnham, Mr. Anthony Strutt, Mr. Abraham Jaggard, and Mr. Benjamin Gauden, victuallers, for whom a privy seal is now in passing, the board is hereby empowered to issue their orders to them to provide and deliver provisions according to the terms of the late contract with Sir Thomas Littleton and his partners for answering all the warrants not already complied with by them, and any further warrants.[1]

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, H. Coventry.

739. [p. 335.] 29 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Perriman.*[2]—To go down the River as low as the buoy of the Nore to hasten down all ships, as well of his Majesty which are now bound forth with the present fleet to the southward as the merchant vessels bound to Tangier with provisions for the garrison, to the Downs after Captain Rooth,[3] and to report the reason of any failures to the lords. And in particular he is to hasten the Phœnix, and to take the same care in relation to the ships bound to Bordeaux, the Bay of Biscay, and Turkey as those designed for Spain and Italy.

740. [p. 335.] 29 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Lee*, commander of the Olive Branch fireship.—To sail to the Downs.

741. [p. 336.] 29 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Young.*[4]—Orders were sent last night for him and the Dover going convoy to the pilchard ships to the Straits [749, 769]. Fears they may not meet him at Plymouth, but if so he is to comply with them with as little loss of time as may be, 'his Majesty being very intent upon answering the desires of the merchants in the giving them present convoy for their fish' [809]. The king approves of his sending the Mermaid and Morning Star to Morlaix and the Augustine for the tin ships from Falmouth, with his intention of sending her at her return with the St. Malo men, and the Dove dogger[1] to the eastward.

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[1] See note to No. 553. On 15 May Sir R. Southwell had written to Sir Joseph Williamson: 'I have nothing to tell you new from the board, unless that the victuallers' contract is to determine next Christmas by consent, Sir D. Gauden and his son immediately disappearing. . . . Some say it will be managed by commissioners, but the three that stand hope to engross it to themselves, which will hardly be if they do not give great proofs of their dexterity this summer' (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 254). Pepys's letter shows that the contract terminated before Christmas, and that it was not Sir D. Gauden and his son that 'disappeared.'

[2] See note to No. 286.

[3] See note to No. 790.

[4] See note to No. 783.

742. [p. 336.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2]—The lords are very well pleased with his being come safe to the Nore. The place for docking his ship is referred to the officers of the navy [737]. Orders enclosed for putting on shore the soldiers aboard him, as also for his sending up the Country's Welfare to Woolwich.

743. [p. 337.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Holland.*[3]—Encloses orders for his coming into the Hope to take in victuals, and thence to go to Wells[4] and Burnham.

744. [p. 337.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Hudson.*[1]—To bring his ship up to Deptford, there to be fitted and victualled.

745. [p. 337.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[5]—At his arrival in the Downs, desires a particular account of the ships with him and their condition for sailing. The lords are satisfied with the issue of the court-martial touching Captain Berry, of the Success [562, 565], on which ship at his departure from the Nore he hopes he left his brother Harris.[6] Is glad of the right done his ship in the change of his bread, it being more than is yet done to some others, and more than is now to be expected from the hands that should have done it, the king having taken the victualling from Sir Thomas Littleton and Mr. Papillon, and given it to Sir Denis Gauden and others [738]. Thanks him for his account of the land soldiers going to Tangier, and his care in the receipt of 5,000*l.* for the use of the garrison there [699]. The commander of the Well dogger that is to attend him lately wrote that his carpenter is unwilling to go the voyage. Desires him to speak with her master to send the name of the person he recommends to succeed him; also with Captain Skelton[1] about his boatswain, of whom he has lately made great complaint, that if blameable he may be replaced.

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[1] See note to No. 340.

[2] This letter, taken with No. 737, makes it clear that Narbrough was still in the Henrietta (*D. N. B.* xl. 90).

[3] Captain Robert Holland, commander of the Tulip dogger (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 396, and *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 199). Pepys's *Register* also mentions three other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 366).

[4] MS. 'Wales,' but see No. 756. The Wells in Norfolk is a port, and there is more than one Burnham on the east coast at or near the sea.

[5] See note to No. 790.

[6] Captain Leonard Harris [353, 419] was appointed to command the Success on 29 Nov. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 361). Captain Berry was dismissed his ship by sentence of a court-martial (*ib.* p. 324); but Charnock makes no mention of this, although he refers to a report that he was discharged from the Henrietta by the sentence of a court-martial in 1682 (*Biog. Nav.* i. 385).

746. [p. 339.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—His Majesty intending to send two companies of soldiers to lie on board the French Ruby before Sheerness, desires them to supply hammaccoes. The Antelope is sent to Yarmouth to fetch the herring ships to the Downs; afterwards she will be ordered into the River, or where else they shall think advisable. The Country's Welfare is ordered up to Woolwich; the lords desire to know what terms she serves on, and their opinion of her usefulness. The Dover dogger is also ordered up to Deptford, she being in want of provisions and other necessaries to enable her to go to sea. Cadiz or Tangier is the place for lodging credit for supplying beverage, &c., for Captain Rooth's ships. The business of the Falcon's neglecting the Swan smack is before the king. Care is also taken for supplying Captain Skelton with another boatswain in case Captain Rooth finds the present officer blameable [745].

His Majesty being acquainted with the case touching the 3 vessels lately come in of those that were taken with the soldiers going over to Dieppe, whereof one is come to the Downs and the other two to Rye, and Sir William Lockhart himself, their colonel, being now going over, and purposing to take such of the said soldiers as he can recover along with him, the board are to dispose of the vessel in the Downs as they please, but are to keep the two at Rye to await Sir William Lockhart's orders there.

The ships bound out with Captain Rooth's squadron to Bordeaux are the Foresight, Stavoreen, Nightingale, and George dogger to cruise in the Bay of Biscay; the Adventure, Success, Advice, and Sweepstakes to Turkey; the Phœnix to Guinea; and the Reserve and Olive Branch fireship are an additional strength to Captain Rooth's squadron. The tickets of these are to be paid in the same manner as those of the ships of Captain Rooth's own squadron. They are to speak with Sir Denis Gauden[1] touching those circumstances in the victualling of the Phœnix which the late contractors[2] made difficulty about; as also about their demanding 3,000*l.* for enabling them to supply the pursers of Captain Rooth's squadron with necessary money, by which the writer presumes is meant what they mentioned yesterday in their paper and discourse to his Majesty and the lords touching moneys needful for enabling them to provide beverage for the fleet when abroad.

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[1] Commander of the Speedwell. See note to No. 44.

The lord treasurer has been moved for moneys for the particular service of the Swan prize at Plymouth, she being likely to be very useful on the western coast.

747. [p. 341.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Harris,*[3] Constant Warwick.—Two months' victuals will be sent him to enable him to proceed on his voyage to Guernsey and Jersey. He is to send the Peterman dogger up to Deptford with the first opportunity.

748. [p. 341.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Joy*, Buck dogger.—Encloses orders for him to ply off the North Foreland.

749. [p. 342.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Last night an express was despatched to Captain Young[5] with some commands of importance [735], namely his immediate taking into his convoy, in company with the Dover, the pilchard ships, and carrying them to the Straits, the king having been much importuned by the merchants here. If the orders miss Captain Young, the writer desires him to advise what may be soonest done by any of the ships to the westward for the accomplishing this matter.

Postscript.—The late unsettlement of the victualling [738, 745, 756] may occasion some difficulty in getting these ships presently supplied. Desires his particular assistance with Mr. Lanyon's [1] agent.

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[1] See No. 738.

[2] See No. 553.

[3] See note to No. 353.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] See note to No. 783.

750. [p. 342.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Thurburne.*—The Buck dogger, now at the buoy of the Nore, is appointed to attend the service for which he lately petitioned the lords on behalf of the town of Sandwich and the neighbourhood.

751. [p. 343.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Temple*, Adventure.—Will speak with his purser to know the reason of his absenting himself from his charge and withholding part of the ship's victualling.

752. [p. 343.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—Captain Rooth, with the fleet under his command bound for the Straits [746], sailed from the buoy of the Nore towards the Downs yesterday morning, where they are only to wait the coming together [2] of the convoys, among which when their ships from Yarmouth arrive the whole will be in readiness to sail.

753. [p. 344.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Wetwang*, Newcastle.[3] — Orders for sailing sent him last night. Wishes him a good voyage with the Ruby in his company.

754. [p. 344.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Watson*,[4] Phœnix.—The navy board are despatching his stores and provisions to the Hope. Conjures him to make all possible haste.

755. [p. 344.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Willshaw*,[5] Reserve.—Orders enclosed for his sailing to the Downs to join with Captain Rooth and the convoy going under his command to the Straits [746], so soon as he has received the 20 soldiers to be supplied him from Portsmouth, according to the enclosed orders [736].

756. [p. 345.] 29 *Nov. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*,[6] at the Nore.—Thanks him for his advice of the departure of Captain Rooth and his squadron towards the Downs [752], though the writer finds that the Swallow and the Ann and Christopher fireship are still remaining. Entreats him to hasten away what merchant ships bound for the Straits shall come in his way ; but more particularly those bound for Tangier with victuals for the garrison, and the Success, Advice, Sweepstakes, and Olive Branch fireship, bound out for convoys. Of the doggers he mentions the Tulip will be ordered to Wells [743], the Buck to Sandwich [750], and the Dover with the Country's Welfare up the River. As to their being supplied with victuals (as also the Constant Warwick), 'there hath happened of late a very untimely disorder in the business of the victualling of the navy, by which his Majesty's service has in many particulars received great delays therein, both here and in the outports,' but he hopes in a little time they will be in order again, though to tell the truth he fears not presently [738, 745, 749].

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[1] See note to No. 706.

[2] MS. 'to come in together.'

[3] See No. 442. Captain Wetwang had been transferred from the Sovereign to the Newcastle on 10 November (*supra*, vol. i. p. 422).

[4] See note to No. 195.

[5] See note to No. 507.

[6] See note to No. 742.

757. [p. 346.] 29 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[1]—Lest there may be yet behind any vessels relating to the ordnance bound for Tangier, the writer informs him that Captain Rooth with the convoy under which the ships bound to Tangier and the Straits are to go, sailed from the Nore towards the Downs yesterday morning, where they are to stay only for the Tangier ships [752].

758. [p. 347.] 29 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Russell,*[2] Swallow.—Has spoken to the navy board about getting his men paid off while they are in the Downs, whither he is to let no opportunity slip of sailing [760].

759. [p. 367.[3]] Robes Chamber, &c. 29 *Nov.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—To procure for Captain Rooth,[4] commander of the Swiftsure, credits at Cadiz for 200*l.* (over and above the 200*l.* supplied him here [623]) for defraying the contingent charges that may happen in the ships now going to the Straits under his command.

Signatures : Ormonde, Anglesey, H. Coventry.

760. [p. 347.] [29 *Nov.*] *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Swallow [758] having had the misfortune to miss the payment of her tickets through their being sent down after the paymaster was gone from the fleet, the writer, by his Majesty's command, recommends that the tickets of her company shall, before her going out, meet with equal satisfaction with those of the rest of the ships bound out with her.

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[1] Master-general of the ordnance.

[2] Afterwards admiral and Earl of Orford (*D. N. B.* xlix. 429).

[3] Out of order in the MS.

[4] See No. 790.

761. [p. 348.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Sir John Berry.*[1]—Thanks him for his notice of the backwardness of his ship, whereof he hopes he gives constant advice to the navy board according to his instructions.

762. [p. 348.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Wetwang.*[2]—His sailing instructions were sent off on Friday night. The Constant Warwick is designed for another service, but as soon as they are able to spare him a 5th rate it will be done.

763. [p. 348.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Belbin*, Sweepstakes.—To hasten into the Downs, where care will be taken for paying the wages of his ship's company equal with the rest of the ships now bound out.

764. [p. 348.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Speaker.*[3]—Desires him to think of what was concluded with the lords to-day, that some means be found of sending down moneys to the Downs for satisfying the wages of those ships now bound out.

765. [p. 349.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Washbourne*, Stavoreen.—In pressing men, he is not to have regard to any protection where the names of the persons protected are not expressed upon the body thereof. He is to improve all opportunities for sailing into the Downs.

766. [p. 349.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Lieutenant Tyrrell.*—Orders are enclosed for bringing the Leopard from the Downs up to Woolwich, where he will receive his Majesty's further order touching the disposal of Sir John Mordaunt.

767. [p. 349.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Jaques*, Wivenhoe fireship.—Leave for his coming up to town to look after the accounts depending between the king and himself.

768. [p. 350.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Directions are enclosed [769 *and* 770] for supplying victuals to the Plymouth and Dover, the late stop being now removed [738, 745, 756].

769. [p. 352.[5]] 1 *Dec.*, 10 at night. Sent by an express to Colonel Piper.[1] *S. P. to Mr. William Addis*, at Plymouth.—Enclosed are directions from the victuallers for the immediate supplying of the Plymouth with 3 months' provisions, she being intended for a sudden voyage to the Straits. Desires him also to put the Dover into a condition of accompanying her, and will procure a warrant to justify his so doing by the next post. Should they be already gone from Plymouth, he is to furnish what is herein directed for them to such other ships as Colonel Piper shall appoint in their rooms to attend the service of convoying the 'pilcher-men' to the Straits [749].

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[1] Commander of the Resolution. *D. N. B.* iv. 398.

[2] See note to No. 753.

[3] See note to No. 281.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] Out of order in the MS.

770. [p. 352.[2]] 1 *Dec.*, 10 at night. Sent by an express to[3] Colonel Piper.[1] *S. P. to Captain Young*,[4] of the Plymouth, at Plymouth.—Hopes he has received the instructions of 29 Nov. [749]. Both he and the Dover will receive a sudden supply of victuals [769].

771. [p. 350.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Sir Samuel Morland's[5] materials for the engine he is setting up for the king at Chatham [357] are now ready for transportation, and a ketch or other vessel is to be immediately appointed for carrying them thither; and the officers of the ordnance are to be moved that they may be shipped at the king's crane.

772. [p. 351.] 2 *Dec. The same to the same.*—Has heard from the commander of the Jersey at Gravesend that he hopes to have the ship at Woolwich the next tide, but that she is quite out of provisions. Desires that she may be put into petty warrant.

773. [p. 351.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Walsh.*[6]—Has written to the navy board [772]. Leave to come up to town.

774. [p. 351.] 2 *Dec.*, 2 in the afternoon. Sent by express. *S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[7] storekeeper at Harwich —In case Captain Wetwang, in the Newcastle,[8] with the fleet of light colliers, who designed to sail out of the River yesterday, shall come within the view and reach of his port, he is to inform him of advice this day brought from Bridlington of 7 Dutch men-of-war riding off

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] Out of order in the MS.

[3] MS. 'in.'

[4] See note to No. 319.

[5] See note to No. 332.

[6] Commander of the Jersey [772].

[7] See note to No. 261.

[8] See note to No. 753.

Flamborough Head, of 40 to 50 guns each, none under 20 [836, 851].

Underwritten: 'The like to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth and Mr. Bowers of Bridlington.'

775. [p. 353.] 2 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Wetwang[1] is gone to Newcastle to attend the collieries, and is designed to continue on the service of convoying that trade this winter season. The hoy laden with a month's provisions for him being sunk in the River, they should be made good to him by others sent in some of the light colliers next bound to Newcastle. The writer cannot find that the business of supplying the fleet going to the Straits with beverage is satisfactorily settled, nor can it be without some 'interfering of accounts' between the late contractors and the present victuallers [738]; he therefore could wish that the late contractors might be pressed to finish the victualling of the Straits fleet. This is but one circumstance of many wherein the late victuallers not completing the warrants already issued, and indeed closing the year's service now so near at an end, may occasion obstruction to the king's service. Those poor workmen in Chatham Yard who by their late coming in to work there have no advantage by the pays last made, they not falling within the time those payments serve for, they are to relieve with board wages as far as they are enabled by moneys to do it. Reminds them of his letter of 17 Oct. [516]; the French commissary is now desiring with some earnestness that the matter may be despatched, he being upon his return to France. The Reserve has but 3 months' provisions on board. The king intends to send her along with the present convoy going to the Straits, and therefore desires that a month's victuals more may be ready to be put on board her so soon as she arrives in the Downs. The Phœnix is come into the Hope, so her victuals and stores should be immediately sent down.

Postscript.—To hasten the hammaccoes for 200 men on board the French Ruby [746].

776. [p. 354.] 2 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Harris,*[2] Success.—To execute his orders for sailing to the Downs, where, if necessary, he will have a further supply of victuals.

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[1] See note to No. 753.

[2] See note to No. 745

777. [p. 355.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[1]—Encloses a complaint against Captain Andrews,[2] of the Falcon, for neglect of the Swan smack going under his convoy to Portsmouth. A regular examination is impossible at present; but desires him upon the coming in of the Falcon to the Downs to obtain an account of the matter under her captain's hand [824].

778. [p. 355.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[3]—The Leopard is ordered into the River; hopes she will make shift to get thither without any supply of stores, if she have but provisions sufficient. Desires to know what convoys the Bristol is attending from Dover, she being ordered up to Woolwich, and the Monck being in readiness to take them along with her in case there be any vessels bound for Calais. Let the commander of the Monck know that he is to make what speed he can in returning from thence, as he is designed to convoy vessels to Dieppe, which will be ready in the Downs by the time he gets back.

779. [p. 356.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Smith.*[4]—Orders are given to Sir Denis Gauden[5] to supply him with victuals from time to time. As for the guns he mentions that are at Boston, an increase in the number of his guns will occasion an increase in his men without any considerable addition to his force, and the lords will not give way to enlarging it, though use will be made of what he says touching the guns for information of the master of the ordnance. Sends a warrant for his boatswain enclosed.

780. [p. 356.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Watson,*[6] Phœnix.—Two days allowed him to come to town.

781. [p. 357.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[7]—Encloses warrant authorising his demanding back of the French officers the storehouses this year employed by them; in which upon the writer's application to the French ambassador he has very lately received answer that they shall be delivered up upon demand, and that orders are already gone to their officers at Chatham.

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[1] See note to No. 243.

[2] See note to No. 265.

[3] *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

[4] See note to No. 543.

[5] See No. 738.

[6] See note to No. 195.

[7] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

782. [p. 357.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Willshaw*,[1] Reserve.—Is glad to hear he is in so good a condition as to men. He will be supplied with a month's victuals on his arrival in the Downs [775].

783. [p. 357.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young.*[2]—His Majesty approves his design of sending the Morning Star after her return from Scilly to attend the coal vessels to Wales.

784. [p. 358.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Watts.*[3]—To convoy the Violet of Yarmouth into the River.

785. [p. 358.] [2 *Dec.*] *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—'For payment of chirurgeon's wages as was done in like manner for chaplains (*vide* p. 303) [670].

786. [p. 358.] 3 *Dec. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4]—Thanks him for the care he is taking in hastening away the commanders of the ships bound out. Desires to know the occasion of the Ruby being with him after the Newcastle is gone. The late disorder and change in the victualling [738] have set that affair backward for some time, but the writer hopes it will soon be made up again, and in particular to him and the York. Encloses an order touching her soldiers; the navy board will send her to Portsmouth to refit. They are all greatly afflicted for the misfortune of the Anne [793].

787. [p. 367.[5]] Robes Chamber, &c. 3 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—The Mary yacht, now attending on the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to be paid to the last of September 1672.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, H. Coventry.

788. [p. 359.] 4 *Dec.* Sent by express to Commissioner Beach. *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4]—To come up with all speed, his Majesty having desire to speak with him about some particular matters concerning his service.

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[1] See note to No. 507.

[2] On Captain Anthony Young see note to No. 319. He was at this time commander-in-chief of the western squadron [391].

[3] See note to No. 360.

[4] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[5] Out of order in the MS.

789. [p. 359.] 4 *Dec.* *S. P. to Sir John Robinson.*[1]—To send a file of musketeers on board the Royal Escape, lying near the Tower, to secure men impressed for the Cambridge.

790. [p. 359.] 4 *Dec.* *S. P. to Sir Denis Gauden.*[2]—Desires to-morrow morning without fail an exact list of the victualling ships going to Tangier, with the places from whence they are fitted, that he may know what are to be taken up by the way either at Portsmouth or Plymouth. Entreats him to send orders this night to both places for their being ready against the fleet calls, which they may now every day expect, there being nothing now behindhand but the getting his Tangier ships out of the River [792].

Postscript.—Captain Rooth,[3] of the Swiftsure, writes from the Downs that the victualler at Dover refused to supply victuals, having had no orders.

791. [p. 360.] 4 *Dec.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—Received this night a very unwelcome account of the Reserve's incapacity to go to sea, which is so surprising, and will occasion so much disorder in the designment of the ships appointed for convoy and now going out, that he knows not what to think of it [841]. Desires him to consider what can be done for the present fitting her for a voyage to Portugal, whither she is designed, and to report the occasion of this so great disappointment after so many months spent in fitting her for the sea.

792. [p. 360.] 4 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[3]—Encloses his orders, wherein he will find that his Majesty is so solicitous for his departure as to leave him no occasion of staying after the Tangier ships shall be arrived [790]. Has acquainted Sir Denis Gauden[2] with what he writes about the victualler at Dover [790]; though he means to send his victuals from London, and they are upon their way. As for the boatswain of the Speedwell, another cannot be sent upon so short warning, so Captain Skelton[5] should make the best use he can of the present one ; but if it is unavoidable that he be removed, some able person should be chosen out of the ships with him. Nor will there be time to make particular provision for the soldiers, but the writer will procure an allowance to the chirurgeons of the ships whereon they are, according to practice in the like cases, for their support ; and for what they shall spend of the provision laid in for the ship's company that shall happen to be sick, which cannot come to much in value, he hopes he will be able to supply it abroad out of the contingent money.

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[1] Lieutenant of the Tower (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

[2] See No. 738.

[3] Captain Rooth, commander of the Swiftsure, was in charge of the convoy to the Straits [430]. See also note to No. 243.

[4] See note to No. 34.

[5] See note to No. 44.

793. [p. 361.] 4 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Saudados[1] is to be forthwith paid to Christmas 1672, whereof Mr. Speaker[2] has taken notice, and is, he presumes, in present condition by money to see performed. The king is earnest to have Captain Binning down with his ship, the Swan,[3] at Portsmouth, who only stays to adjust accounts with their board. Desires his despatch. They are to call to a strict account the surviving officers and men of the Anne, lately blown up [799], and the Hester fireship sunk at Sheerness. There is nothing in the late sentence of the court-martial discharging Captain Berry from the command of the Success [745] by which he is incapacitated to receive the wages due to him.

Encloses a copy of an express from Captain Willshaw,[4] of the Reserve, and begs earnestly that if they can conceive any way of preventing the extraordinary disappointment to his Majesty, they will direct it being done [791]. Would be glad to know if they go on in their intention of having the Henrietta up to Woolwich. 'Humbly thanks them for their care' in despatching the hammaccoes down and forwarding the Phœnix. The Antelope shall be ordered into Sheerness. If the vessel in the Downs ordered to Portsmouth for carrying soldiers to Dieppe be not gone, she is to stay to take in what soldiers shall be put on board her by Sir William Lockhart's orders, and to be supplied with victuals for the voyage.

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[1] See note to No. 55.

[2] See note to No. 281.

[3] Captain Binning, hitherto commander of the Portsmouth pink [368], had been promoted to command the Swan, 29 Nov. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 331).

[4] See note to No. 507.

Hopes the money is in the Downs for paying the ships, his Majesty and the lords upon very good reasons pressing with all possible earnestness that the fleet may be gone. The king is pleased with the hopes they have of speeding out the Swan prize from Plymouth. They have done advisedly in directing the York to take under her convoy for Portsmouth the vessels bound thither, and [to] Newhaven for soldiers. Desires to hear how those at Rochester proceed in the taking in of men, that when they are all ready at Sheerness or the Nore a convoy may be appointed for them together, the last letters from Chatham saying that there was but one company could be prevailed with to go on shipboard. Should be glad to understand the readiness of the vessels designed for fetching the other part of the soldiers from Harwich.

794. [p. 364.] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Bridgeman.*[1]—Not knowing but that Lord Arlington may think fit to send some commands to the consul at Algiers, the writer gives him notice that Captain Rooth is now within few days of sailing [792]. Adds the enclosed order desired by the navy board from his Majesty as lord warden of the Cinque Ports for supplying his service at Chatham with men to be imprested from Feversham and Milton, which lie within the jurisdiction of those ports.

795. [p. 364.] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Leonard*, George dogger.—Has received his letter of the 29th Nov. Hopes he is in readiness to attend the ships he is appointed to accompany.

796. [p. 364.] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Trevanion.*[2]—Thanks him for his of the 3rd, with tidings of his arrival in the Downs. Hopes the stores he wants are not of moment, or that he will be supplied from the navy board on the application he has made to Captain Rooth; but let there be no delays to the going out of the fleet.

797. [363*a.*[4]] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Pearce*,[3] Nightingale.—Has received his letter intimating his arrival in the Downs, where he wishes all the rest of the king's and merchants' ships now outward bound were with him.

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[1] Mr. William Bridgeman was clerk or secretary to Lord Arlington (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index). He is not to be confused with Captain Thomas Bridgeman, commander of the Greenwich [376].

[2] Commander of the Dreadnought [550].

[3] See note to No. 531.

[4] So far the pagination of the MS. volume has been correct, the left-hand pages (after p. 91) being numbered by a contemporary hand, the right-hand pages in pencil by a modern hand. But here p. 365 was

798. [p. 363*a.*] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[1]—Hopes the navy board will speedily supply him with provisions from Dover. There will now be opportunity enough by the going away of the fleet for the small vessels he mentions to have convoy to Plymouth. The Nightingale is ordered to join with the Foresight, &c., the convoy appointed for Bordeaux [450], but the writer hopes the Constant Warwick and the Holmes will shortly be cruising in the Narrow.

799. [p. 363*a.*] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Major Darell.*[2]—Thanks him for his letter of the 2nd, though it brought advice of a very just matter of trouble to all that wish well to the navy [791]. The king and lords approve his care in securing the gunner of the Anne [801, 826], of whom Captain Eliot[3] had few hours before this misfortune written 'a very earnest letter of complaints.'

800. [p. 366.] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Andrews.*[4]—Hopes he will be ready to attend the fleet about to the southward.

801. [p. 366.] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Eliot.*[3]—Is greatly afflicted at the misfortune befallen his ship the Anne. The king expects a very strict account from himself and his surviving officers of the occasion of her loss [793], and particularly how so much powder came to be left on board her during her lying in dock, and its being permitted to lie without any commission or warrant officers on board her more than one of the lieutenants and purser. This account should be speedily presented to the king and the lords, as well as to the navy board who are specially charged with the inquiry.

802. [p. 365.] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Robert Stockdale, Esq.*[5]

numbered in error by the clerk of 1673 as p. 363. The modern pagination neglects this error, which is perpetuated to the end of the volume, and numbers correctly as far as p. 380, when a page is missed. The text, for convenience of reference, follows the actual pagination, and this explains its apparent irregularity.

[1] *D.N.B.* lv. 52. See note to No. 564.

[2] Governor of Sheerness.

[3] See note to No. 2.

[4] Commander of the Falcon [630]. See note to No. 265.

[5] Collector of customs at Dover [505].

—Thanks him for his advice touching the proceedings of the late victuallers [553, 738]. Entreats him to repeat this favour as often as anything occurs to him in his port worthy notice.

803. [p. 365.] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[1]—Longs with great impatience to hear about the Reserve [791]. Desires him to inform himself about the readiness of the Friendship, bound with provisions for Tangier, and said to be at Spithead expecting convoy. This she must now hourly look out for, that the fleet may not stay in calling for her.

804. [p. 368.] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[2]—Encloses a list of the provision ships bound for Tangier. To call for that at Spithead [803], as well as that at Plymouth. Needs not to observe to him that his convoys ought not to be made privy to what is respectively provided for them in his instructions till he comes to sea. Wonders they hear not of the Antelope coming to him from Yarmouth with the herring ships.

Has seen some letters 'very fresh' which give notice of a considerable number of capers lately upon the coast of Portugal; he is to provide the best he can for the safety of the ships bound thither. He is to lose no opportunity of sailing from the Downs so soon as ever the Tangier victualling ships are come thither, the concernments of the garrison at Tangier, and the lateness of the year for the return of the men now going out, not admitting of his stay for other merchant ships, to whom the king has already given sufficient warning [792].

Postscript.—'I have read to his Majesty what I have here wrote, who approves of it, and particularly of what relates to your hastening away.' He commands him to add that it is only the victualling ships for Tangier he is to stay for, and not the store-ships.

805. [p. 370.[3]] 5 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Pitt*, clerk of the control at Portsmouth.—Approves the method he propounds of representing to the navy board the constant state of the receipts, issues, and balances of the king's stores, in which, besides his application to the board in general, he should make his particular application to Sir John Ernle [460].[1]

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[1] See note to No. 34.

[2] See note to No. 790.

[3] Out of order in the MS.

806. [p. 367.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 6 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—To pay the Saudados,[2] now bound for Portugal, to the last of December 1672.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, H. Coventry.

807. [p. 367.] 6 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[3]—The hammaccoes for the soldiers are several days ago sent down.

808. [p. 370.] 6 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Desires an account of the condition of each of the king's ships now in his port in reference to their readiness to go to sea.

809. [p. 369.] 6 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young.*[5]—His Majesty is very well pleased with his readiness to go to sea with the Dover. He is not to stay for more ships from other ports, as if the pilchardmen can bear with that delay they may as well go under Captain Rooth's[6] convoy, without putting the king to the charge of sending his 2 ships on purpose [741, 833]. He is to make no unnecessary stay in his return home, either at Cadiz or elsewhere. To take a victualler at Plymouth under his care, and see her safe into Tangier. Advises him of the capers [804]. Wishes the Mermaid and Hunter were gone to Morlaix, not knowing when the king's affairs would spare the merchants concerned a better convoy. The king approves of his appointing the Morning Star for the colliery trade. He is to forbear sending away the Dartmouth, and the Nonsuch at her return is to stay with her. He writes 'somewhat obscurely' about the Augustine, as if he were sending her to Scilly. If so, let her call at Mount's Bay for what persons and money shall be put on board by Mr. James Millet, of Markesteere, and transport them to Scilly for the pay of the garrison there.

810. [p. 372.] 7 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Encloses the king's order for victualling the Henrietta, whose pleasure it is that she may, if possible, be refitted at Sheerness, in order to her being the sooner abroad.

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[1] As comptroller of the stores. See note to No. 460.

[2] See note to No. 55.

[3] Secretary at war [449].

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] See note to No. 319.

[6] See No. 792.

811. [p. 371.] 7 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[1]—Presses him to be gone, since the preservation of the garrison at Tangier depends in the utmost degree on the speedy despatch of the victualling vessels. Doubts he has not received his victuals, but his coming to short allowance and some credits abroad will enable him to perform the voyage; though it is much to be lamented that the late difference about the victualling should happen just at this time to occasion this want [738, 745].

812. [p. 371.] 8 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Commissioners of Customs.*—The lords have licensed the ship Jamaica Merchant, Joseph Knapman, commander, to go to Jamaica with necessaries for the supply of that island, provided security be given to the king that she shall go thither direct. Therefore desires them to take bond of Edward Cranfeild, Esq., in 500*l.*

813. [p. 374.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 8 *Dec.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Lord Treasurer.*—They having at their last meeting, the 6th inst., his Majesty being present and the navy board attending, received from the board several demands of money in cases 'not only at present very urgent, but greatly importing to his Majesty's future service,' namely, enabling the board to proceed to the contracting for the 12 fireships to be built against next year; relieving the workmen of the yards by payment of some further quarters now in arrear; providing board wages to certain of the workmen [775]; satisfying the pursers of the fleet now going to the Straits what the late victuallers [738] refuse to make good to them for their beverage and necessary money; they now transmit transcripts of papers relating thereto, and desire him with all possible speed to provide moneys answerable to these occasions. They further press him to the enabling of the officers of the navy by money to go on vigorously in their general preparations for the next year's service, for preventing any surprise that may happen by the early coming forth of the enemy.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

814. [p. 373.] 8 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[1]—Enclosing a blank commission for his appointing a new lieutenant to the Speedwell, if he should find Captain Skelton's [1] complaint should prove true that his lieutenant absented himself from the ship except for one half-hour ever since his coming into the Downs [927]. Entreats him to see the enclosed delivered to Mr. St. John ; it relates to his disposing of the 5,000*l.* [745 *and* 818].

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[1] See note to No. 792.

815. [p. 373.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Temple.*[2]—Is glad he has gotten on board his 'month's recruit of victuals,' and could wish Captain Rooth's squadron [3] had received the same despatch.

816. [p. 376.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[4]—Orders having been 'very earlily issued' to the officers of the navy for victuals and transport for the soldiers, the writer has only to take care for convoy for them when the vessels and men are ready, and in this not an hour shall be lost. But for an account of the despatch of the victuals and vessels the land officers should apply to the navy office and not to him.

817. [p. 376.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Skelton.*[5]—Captain Rooth is directed to appoint him a lieutenant if his shall be found faulty [814].

818. [p. 375.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. St. John.*—Has by order of the lords commissioners for Tangier put on board the Swiftsure in the custody of her commander, Captain Rooth, 5,000*l.* sterling in English money [814], whereof 200*l.* by special order are in farthings, which moneys are to be employed towards the pay of the garrison according to his musters, and by order of the Earl of Middleton.[6]

819. [p. 375.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Wood.*[7]—Hopes that the money for paying his men is come down, especially as they were so willing to leave the River before they had it.

Underwritten : 'The like to Captain Russell.' [8]

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[1] See note to No. 44.
[2] Commander of the Adventure [751].
[3] See note to No. 792.
[4] Secretary at war [449].
[5] Commander of the Speedwell. See note to No. 44.
[6] Governor of Tangier. *D. N. B.* xxxvii. 352.
[7] Commander of the Bonadventure. See note to No. 698.
[8] Commander of the Swallow. See note to No. 758.

820. [p. 375.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Pett.*[1]—Desires him, in case the Leopard be in or about Gravesend[1] or the Hope, to stop her coming any higher.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Hunter, clerk of the check at Sheerness.'

821. [p. 378.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Washbourne.*[2]—He will very suddenly receive orders for sailing, so should be in full readiness.

822. [p. 378.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Killigrew.*[3]—To remain in the Downs, as he is intended to see the Greyhound with Sir William Lockhart and his men from Rye to Dieppe [895].

823. [p. 378.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Broad.*[4]—To send up the condition of his ship.

824. [p. 377.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Andrews.*[5]—Though the shortness of the time within which he is likely to set sail with Captain Rooth[6] will not admit at present of any thorough inquiry into the charge against him [777], the lords do propose not to let the matter die. Hopes that his care of his convoys will give them occasion of judging him more favourably in other matters.

825. [p. 377.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Clarke,*[7] York.—Owing to the ill condition of his ship, he is to follow the orders of the navy board as to proceeding to Portsmouth or remaining in the River.

826. [p. 378*a*.[8]] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*—Has received his news of the Anne [793, 799], a misfortune 'most untimely while his Majesty hath so much work for ships, and so few of her quality[9] to do it with.' The occasion of her loss will be brought into very speedy examination, 'touching which, though your observations about the intemperate use of brandy in the king's ships seems very seasonable, and too justly grounded, yet I find it generally granted that this miscarriage arose[1] from the carelessness of the gunner in his leaving of loose powder about the ship' [793, 799, 801].

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[1] See note to No. 500.
[2] Commander of the Stavoreen [765].
[3] Commander of the Monck [563]. See *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.
[4] Commander of the Young Spragge [366].
[5] Commander of the Falcon [630]. See note to No. 265.
[6] See note to No. 790.
[7] See note to No. 398.
[8] This page is not numbered in the MS.
[9] The Anne was a 3rd rate of 340 men and 58 guns. She was blown up by accident at Sheerness, 2 Dec. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 268–9).

827. [p. 378*a.*[2]] 8 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Success having already spent six weeks' provisions of the sea store, it is the king's pleasure that the provisions of this and the others mentioned in the margin[3] as being designed for foreign convoys, be forthwith completed to the term they were first ordered to be victualled for. Entreats advice concerning the Reserve [791, 793]. To direct Captain Clarke, of the York, where to refit [825].

828. [p. 379.] 8 *Dec.* *The same to the same.*—The lord treasurer is writ to about money [813]. He is referred to them for the value of the beverage and necessary money to the pursers of the Straits fleet [847], which they should do as near and as soon as they can, that the pursers may be despatched, who will be liable to be left behind, the king having commanded Captain Rooth[4] to be gone notwithstanding that but a small part of the merchantmen designed to go under his convoy are yet come to the Downs. On the advice of Sir John Narbrough[5] the Henrietta is to remain where she is. Is surprised to hear from Captain Watson,[6] of the Phœnix, that notwithstanding his officers being aloft at Deptford all this last week to receive their provisions and stores, no part of the latter, and but a small quantity of beer was come down to his ship on the 7th. Beseeches the board to inquire into the reason of this and remove it. Is daily solicited by land officers about the vessels for the foot soldiers to be carried over into France; entreats an account when and for what vessels, and at what places, convoy is required, that he may see it complied with. But for other matters he refers the officers to the board [816], or Captain Perriman[7] on their behalf. Desires an account what merchant ships at Bristol are fit to be employed as men-of-war as a standing convoy for the ships trading between Ireland and France, the merchants of Dublin having petitioned for some of the king's ships; which not being to be spared, and the lords being informed that in the last war ships were taken up at Bristol for the like service, the board may hire 2 or 3 such merchantmen for the use of Ireland. It was this day resolved by the lords that the company of the Fairfax should be paid, they being discharged by the court-martial from any share of the blame arising from her miscarriage [346]; the writer understands that the men are very clamorous. In Captain Binning's[1] case, the lords leave it to them to insist on such vouchers to his account as they think reasonable in his case, where the loss of the vessel may be attended with the miscarriage of the papers. The lords approve their care in calling into speedy examination the loss of the Anne [793, 799, 888]. Is informed by Captain Skelton,[2] of the Speedwell, in the Downs, that he is not yet supplied with some pork and pease which were delivered him short at his being in the River; desires them to remedy this, though hopes the fleet will be gone before any supply can be sent him, unless from Dover. The marshal of the admiralty will very speedily have a warrant to apprehend the workmen deserting the king's service at Deptford.

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[1] MS. 'arise.'

[2] This page is not numbered in the MS.

[3] There is no list in the margin.

[4] See note to No. 792.

[5] See note to No. 742.

[6] See note to No. 195.

[7] See note to No. 286.

829. [p. 382.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Russell.*[3]—The king on the request of the Deputy Governor of the East India Company directs the discharge of one Jagoe, now on board his ship, being the son of a considerable merchant at Dartmouth.

830. [p. 382.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Pett.*[4]—About Mr. Hudson to be boatswain of the hulk, refers him to the navy office, that being a place wherein the navy board ought in an especial manner to be satisfied in the choice [870]. Thanks him for the care he is 'so seasonably taking of improving the old masts at a time of so great a dearth of new ones.'

831. [p. 382.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Addis.*—Thanks him for forwarding the victualling of the ships with him [769].

832. [p. 383.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—Thanks him for his advice of the state and disposal of the king's ships lately in his port; but while the Augustine is in his letter said to be gone towards the Downs, in Captain Young's[1] account of the same date she is said to be gone towards Scilly.

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[1] See note to No. 793.

[2] See note to No. 44.

[3] Commander of the Swallow. See note to No. 758.

[4] Mr. Pett of Chatham [870]. See note to No. 500.

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

833. [p. 383.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young.*[1]—Thanks him for his account of the disposal of the king's ships, but prays him to settle a difference between his and Colonel Piper's [832]. The king and lords are very well pleased with the readiness wherewith Mr. Addis doth apply himself to furnishing him and the Dover [831], though much greater satisfaction it would yet give to hear of his being departed with his convoys. In case any of Captain Rooth's fleet[2] come to Plymouth before they be gone, he and the Dover are to remain at Plymouth to attend the other parts of the king's service; but if they sail first he is to remember to take the victualling ship along with him, and see her safe to Tangier [809].

834. [p. 384.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—To acknowledge their care in sending off the express to Captain Wetwang.[3]

835. [p. 384.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[4]—Has received his of the 7th from Spithead and acquainted the navy board with it, to the end that the Rupert's works may be hastened. Is sorry he meets with delay in fitting his ship, though the lateness of the year hath occasioned an alteration in his Majesty's purpose of sending any more convoys to the Straits than that of Captain Rooth's.[2]

836. [p. 385.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Wetwang.*[3]—Directing him to proceed with his convoys to Newcastle, the report of the enemy's men-of-war seen off at sea from Bridlington[5] not being confirmed [774].

837. [p. 385.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[6]—Thanks him for his despatch of the late express to Captain Wetwang.[3]

838. [p. 385.] 9 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Harris.*[7]—His of the 5th, intimating his arrival in the Downs, is very welcome. The navy board will order him a supply of victuals.

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[1] See note to No. 783.

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] See note to No. 753.

[4] See note to No. 564.

[5] MS. 'Briglington.'

[6] See note to No. 261.

[7] Probably Captain Leonard Harris, of the Success [745], which was at this time in the Downs [887, 927]. See also note to No. 353.

839. [p. 386.] 9 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Mayo.*[1]—Has communicated to the king his safe arrival with his convoys to Tynemouth [2] Bar. To make what speed he can in his return with what ships are laden bound for London and will in a little time be ready, and in the meantime to do what he can towards the removing of the capers while he lies in expectation of the colliery fleet coming out. Has advice this day of the Roebuck's safe arrival at Leith. Captain Wetwang [3] in the Newcastle and Pyend [4] in the Ruby are in their way as far as Harwich with about 70 sail of light ships bound towards him, but they are stopped upon late advice of 7 Dutch men-of-war discovered at sea from Bridlington, which not being since confirmed, orders are gone to proceed [836].

840. [p. 386.] 9 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Russell.*[5]—Refers him to Captain Rooth [6] to know where he is ordered.

841. [p. 387.] 9 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[6]—The king is very well satisfied with his readiness, and approves his having sent Captain Trevanion [7] before him to Plymouth. Understands not where the Olive Branch and Well dogger are, but hopes by to-morrow's list to find them with him, as also more of the Tangier ships, and the herring ships from Yarmouth. He is to remember to call for the victualler at Spithead [803, 804].

The money being come, hopes that the fleet will be paid before going; also that the pursers will be supplied with their money or credit [828]. He will meet with a supply of credit at Cadiz to answer his contingencies and enable him to pay the men their short allowance money [811]. To their infinite surprise as well as great disappointment to the service, the Reserve was, upon her first going out from Portsmouth, 'found by the tauntness of her masts, or by some other defects, wholly unable to bear any sail'; thus he must make use of another ship to supply her room [791 and 842].

842. [p. 388.] 9 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Willshaw.*[8]—

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[1] Commander of the Princess. See note to No. 628.

[2] MS. 'Timm°.'

[3] See note to No. 753.

[4] See note to No. 656.

[5] Commander of the Swallow. See note to No. 758.

[6] See note to No. 792.

[7] Commander of the Dreadnought [550].

[8] See note to No. 507.

Reflecting upon the many months his ship hath spent in her fitting and manning (he thinks not less than 7), under the view of the officers of the yard as well as her own officers, 'none of which ought to be thought within a possibility of being guilty either of so much ignorance or negligence as not timely to discern and rectify any error so obvious as this,' his advice that she is unable to carry sail was the most surprising to him of anything in his whole life he ever met withal. The navy board propounded something towards the present bettering her by getting of her some iron ballast, the issue whereof the writer expects with impatience [841, 885].

843. [p. 389.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 10 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—To transmit an account this day tendered them (Prince Rupert being present) of the payments made by Mr. Charles Day as deputy treasurer under the prince last summer upon the service of the fleet, in order to the board's examining his vouchers and passing the account in the usual form. The lords desire also further satisfaction touching the several performances of the muster-masters of the fleet during the last summer's service, namely, Which of the surviving muster-masters (' for we understand some of them to have miscarried in fight') did send in books so timely as that use might have been made of them before the fleet's coming in; which of them after the fleet's coming in, but so as that the king might have had any benefit from them at the pay of the ships; and which of them so late as that the ships were come in and paid off before the receipt of their books; according to which difference in the performance of their duties the lords will determine differently concerning them. They further desire that the Fairfax be paid off [346].

Signatures: Anglesey, E. Seymour, H. Coventry.

844. [p. 389.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Bowers*, Bridlington.—The king receives very well his account of the 4th of the motion of the Dutch men-of-war [839].

845. [p. 390.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland*,[1] Mary, at Portsmouth.—Had a second convoy been sent to the Straits this year the command of it was never yet disposed of, but the writer will on all occasions be ready to do him all good offices.

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[1] *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

846. [p. 390.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Burton,*[1] Hampshire.—Encloses orders for bringing his ship into the Hope, but the king cannot spare labourers from Chatham Yard for this purpose.

847. [p. 390.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Is glad they have put the value of the sum wanting for the pursers before the lord treasurer [828], and also before Mr. Speaker[2] in order to his moving and soliciting his lordship for the same. Presumes they have made like mention of the case of the Dreadnought, Falcon, and Ann and Christopher, though the silence of the pursers thereof should imply their being already satisfied. Thanks them for their list of vessels designed for carrying soldiers, and their answer about the ships at Bristol [828].

Postscript.—The Leopard was ordered up to Woolwich, but afterwards directed to stop at the Nore or the Hope. Wonders she is not yet heard of at either.

848. [p. 391.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Watson,*[3] Phœnix, in the Hope.—The delay in bringing down his stores and provisions is, for the most part, due to his not observing the admiral's instructions in giving frequent notice to the navy board of all his wants; a neglect which the king and lords will not be well pleased with when they shall understand the loss of his going in company with the fleet, now every moment ready to sail, to have arisen from any defect on his part; the writer therefore earnestly advises him to recover it by being gone with all possible speed.

849. [p. 391.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[4] Swiftsure, in the Downs.—Is doing all in his power to prevent the ill-conveniences the service will run by the want of his pursers, in case they should not be despatched before his going [847]. But if that should be the case (which God forbid) he is to proceed without them. Hopes they are secure from any further interruption in the victualling [738].

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[1] Captain Cassivelaunus Burton, hitherto commander of the Holmes [545, 582], had been appointed to the command of the Hampshire, 13 Nov. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 331). See Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 329, where he appears with the extraordinary Christian names of 'Casibe Cain.'

[2] See note to No. 281.

[3] See note to No. 195.

[4] See note to No. 790.

850. [p. 392.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Thanks him for his account of the condition of the ships going out, which he prays him to continue, his Majesty being much concerned either that they be presently gone or that his own men-of-war should stay and let the pilchard-men go with the fleet now ready in the Downs [809, 833], expecting the first 'slatch'[2] of wind to carry them to the westward, with instructions to take what ships shall be ready at Plymouth to accompany them. Desires to know the number of the pilchard ships that are to go with Captain Young [741]; and particularly how many from each port, and when each parcel of them were in full readiness to be gone, fearing lest his Majesty may have been imposed upon by the merchants at Plymouth, as he hath been here, pretending their ships to be ready to sail and lying for want of convoy, and occasioning thereby great hurrying and charge to the king, when it hath been found that they were not ready; which is the present case with the fleet now in the Downs, not a fourth part of the merchant ships being come to them that are said to expect their convoy.

851. [p. 392.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Langley*, Harwich.—Thanks him for his advice of the 7 sail of capers, which have given great apprehensions of the danger the coal fleet was in, they being represented from the north as States' men-of-war of much greater force [774, 839, 938].

852. [p. 392.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Willshaw,*[3] Reserve, at Portsmouth.—To use all possible industry and despatch in getting his ship ready for sea.

853. [p. 393.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Broad,* Young Spragge, at Sheerness.—To make all possible despatch in refitting and victualling.

854. [p. 393.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Mason,* Dover, at Plymouth.—Acknowledging his of the 7th.

855. [p. 393.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young,*[4] Plymouth.—Desires to know what orders he gave to the Norwich when last he sent him to the coast of Ireland.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] 'Slatch' = a brief passing breeze.

[3] See note to No. 507.

[4] See note to No. 783.

856. [p. 393.] 11 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Perriman.*[1]—Desires a particular account to-morrow morning where the Tangier victualling ships were last [790], and where they are now, and whence this intolerable backwardness hath arisen.

857. [p. 394.] 11 *Dec.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—The gunner of the Anne to be brought to a speedy court-martial [799, 801, 826].

858. [p. 394.] 11 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Burton,*[3] Hampshire.—He is to use all despatch in fitting out his ship, and to observe the admiral's instructions in giving frequent advice of his proceedings therein to the navy board, as also to the writer. He is also to complete his complement of men, towards which he shall be supplied with press warrants if necessary.

Underwritten: 'The like to the several persons belonging to the ships and vessels undernamed'—Captain Hamilton,[4] Mary Rose; Captain Bridgeman, Greenwich; Captain Carter, Crown; Sir Richard Munden,[5] Assistance; Mr. Hudson,[6] Dover dogger; Captain Henry Layton, Country's Welfare; Captain James Page, Portsmouth; Mr. Jaques, Wivenhoe fireship; Lieutenant Tyrrell, present commander, Leopard; Mr. John Lucas, Hawk fireship; Mr. Francis Turner, Jason fireship.

859. [p. 395.] 12 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Child.*[7]—He and Mr. Papillon[7] to attend the king and lords to-morrow morning at 10.

Underwritten: 'The like to Sir Denis Gauden and partners [738], and the like to Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Solicitor-General.'

860. [p. 395.] 12 *Dec.* *S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[8]—He and Sir Jeremy Smyth[9] to attend the king and lords to-morrow morning at 10.

Postscript.—Desires him to intimate the same to Sir Jeremy Smyth,[9] and that the victualling contract may be brought with him.

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[1] See note to No. 286.

[2] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[3] See note to No. 846.

[4] MS. 'Hambleton.'

[5] Captain Richard Munden had been knighted on 6 Dec. See note to No. 198.

[6] See note to No. 340.

[7] See note to No. 553.

[8] See note to No. 655.

[9] See note to No. 68.

861. [p. 395.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 13 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Whereas it appears by certificate from John Knight, Esq., serjeant chirurgeon, and James Pearse, Esq., chirurgeon-general of the fleet, that upon their having, according to the Order in Council dated 6 June, 1673, viewed and considered the hurt received in his right leg by Whitney Parry, late master-gunner of the Mary Rose, in battle with the Dutch, 28 May, 1672, they do judge the said hurt to be of more prejudice to the health of his body than if he had lost the said limb, because the said hurt is not likely ever to be cured, the board is to make allowance to him according to the said Order of one year's wages as master-gunner of a 3rd rate, and to continue him in pay after the same rate as long as he shall continue under cure.

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, E. Seymour.

862. [p. 396.] Robes Chamber, &c. 13 *Dec. The same to* [*the same*].—'Being satisfied . . . from your report of 25 Nov. upon our reference on the petition of several pursers . . . that it will be no disadvantage to his Majesty . . . for his ships that are called in to be laid up and paid off to remain in sea victuals during the [time the] provisions brought from sea shall last,' these are to order and direct for the future accordingly; and in cases where ships shall remain in harbour unpaid longer than their provisions brought from sea will hold out, at the expiration of their sea provisions they are to be put into petty warrant.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

863. [p. 396.] Robes Chamber, &c. 13 *Dec. The same to* [*the same*].— Order to pay Captain Richard Haddock[1] for the time he served as commander of the Lion, Royal Charles, and Sovereign, after the same rate that he was paid for his service in the Royal James in 1672.

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[1] Captain Richard Haddock had been captain of the Royal James at the battle of Solebay, 28 May, 1672, and he was one of the few who were saved when she blew up. He was afterwards appointed to command the Lion; and in 1673 he was chosen by Prince Rupert as captain of his flagship, the Royal Charles, and of the Sovereign after the action of 29 May (*D. N. B.* xxiii. 428). On 9 July, 1673, he became a commissioner of the navy (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 231). His patent is dated 18 Aug. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 40, note 6).

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

864. [p. 396.] Robes Chamber, &c. 13 *Dec. The same to* [*the same*].—Order to refit the Lizard sloop in the room of the Woolwich, and that she be furnished with 3 months' victuals.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

865. [p. 397.] 13 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Watson*,[1] Phœnix, in the Hope.—To sail with the ships under his command into the Downs. What provisions are wanting (which he is told are only bread) shall be supplied him from Dover.

866. [p. 397.] 13 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Thurston*, Essex ketch.—The king does not approve his giving convoy out of the limits of his station.

867. [p. 397.] 13 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young.*[2]—The king is well satisfied with his readiness. Will hasten the payment of his money. Orders will be sent for the Dartmouth and Nonsuch [893]. Thanks him for his advice about the 2 capers driven on shore. Has received from the commanders of the Mermaid and Hunter the same intimation he gives of their being put back into Falmouth.

868. [p. 398.] 13 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Skelton.*[3]—Desires him to release a youth lately imprested on board his ship.

869. [p. 398.] 13 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Thanks him for his advice that the Plymouth and Dover are ready to sail. Will move the king for a convoy to Rouen as the merchants of Exeter[5] desire. The Dartmouth shall receive orders by the next [896, 917].

870. [p. 398.] 13 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The boatswain of the hulk at Chatham being dead, and the bearer, Arthur Coape, being recommended by Commissioner Beach[6] as master attendant and others of the officers at Chatham, the writer is unwilling to move the king therein till the board has examined and approved him [830].

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[1] See note to No. 195.

[2] See note to No. 783.

[3] Commander of the Speedwell [828]. See note to No. 44.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] MS. 'Exon̄.'

[6] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

871. [p. 400.[1]] Robes Chamber, &c. 13 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Order settling a pension upon John Hodges (who served the king as master of the Swallow and the Diamond by the space of 8 years, and was discharged by reason of his age), during his natural life, equal to the wages and known allowances of a master of a 4th rate, pursuant to the establishment made by his Majesty in council, 6 Dec. 1672.[2]

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

872. [p. 401.[1]] Robes Chamber, &c. 13 *Dec. The same to* [*the same*].—Order made upon the humble petition of John Clarke, timber merchant, lately arrested for moneys taken up by him to purchase the timber which he hath and is now delivering into the king's stores, to imprest unto him 200*l.* on account.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

873. [p. 401.[1]] Robes Chamber, &c. 13 *Dec. The same to* [*the same*].—Order settling a pension upon Robert Hutchings (who hath served as master of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th rates by the space of 8 years, and is incapable of further employment by reason of great age and lameness contracted in the service) during his natural life, equal to the wages and known allowances of a master in a 2nd rate, pursuant to the establishment made by his Majesty in council, 6 Dec. 1672[2] [643].

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

874. [p. 399.] 14 *Dec.*, '11 at night.' *S. P. to Mr. James Hublon.*[3]—'I am every hour less and less at ease about the safety of our ships bound for Spain, and therefore do wish you and some of our friends about you had been with the king to discourse it, who has appointed me to attend them and you to him at his rising from table to-morrow, which will be about one o'clock or a little sooner.'

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[1] Out of order in the MS.

[2] See vol. i. p. 148, *supra.*

[3] On the merchant family of the Hublons or Houblons, see Wheatley, *Pepysiana*, pp. 120–4. Pepys's correspondent is probably James Hublon, junior, one of his intimate friends.

875. [p. 399.] 15 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Lord Treasurer.*[1]—They have this morning been applied to again by Mr. Lewis[2] on the same occasion on which they were attended on Saturday last by the navy board—namely, 'the disorder wherein the seamen concerned in the payment of their tickets at this time are, to the threatening the pulling down of his Majesty's office, and the embezzlement or spoil of all the books and papers there, besides the yet more public effects thereof to the dishonour of his Majesty's service and discouragement of seamen against the next year.' It is therefore of the utmost importance that some immediate provision be made of a weekly sum of money for the discharge of the said tickets; there being tickets already in the office to the value of above 18,000*l.*, and the number likely still to increase by reason of the great numbers of men turned over from ship to ship, or discharged by ticket.

Signatures: Rupert, Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

876. [p. 400.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 15 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Order to cause the St. Peter galliot, which attends on the Isle of Wight, to be refitted and furnished with 2 months' victuals; as also with victuals from Portsmouth from time to time when needed.

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, E. Seymour, H. Coventry.

877. [p. 400.] Robes Chamber, &c. 15 *Dec. The same to* [*the same*].—Order to pay Sir John Berry[3] 8*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* for the charges by him disbursed of a court-martial concerning the loss of the Fairfax.[4]

Signatures: Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

878. [p. 402.] 15 *Dec. The same to the same.*—Order in pursuance of an Order in Council bearing date the 10th inst. enjoining a strict observation for the time to come of the lord high admiral's instructions to commanders and remitting for the time past their failures therein [413, 557]; confirming certain allowances to persons to be employed in assisting the said commanders in keeping accounts of their receipts, issues, and remains of provisions and stores ; and allowing the pursers to supply the ships' companies with tobacco, not exceeding two pounds per man a month.

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[1] See note to No. 641.

[2] See note to No. 655.

[3] *D. N. B.* iv. 398.

[4] See note to No. 441.

Signatures : Anglesey, Ormonde, G. Carteret.

879. [p. 402.] 15 *Dec.* *The same to* [*the same*].—Order in pursuance of an Order in Council dated the 10th inst., to give directions to the victuallers to provide a proportion of sea victuals for 35,000 men for 8 months for the next year. The board are to consider and report in what ports and in what proportions it will be most convenient that they be provided.

Signatures : Same as the preceding.

880. [p. 403.] 15 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[1] of the Swiftsure, Downs.—Encloses a copy of the king's orders to Captain Young,[2] at Plymouth, touching his sailing to and from the Straits with the pilchard ships [749].

881. [p. 403.] 15 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Young,*[2] of the Plymouth.—To the enclosed from the king he is to add that they have fresh intelligence of 14 capers 'plying to and again upon the coast of Portugal and Spain,' that he may avoid them [804].

882. [p. 403.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Mayor of Boston.*—The king has been pleased to appoint Joseph Perriman[3] in the room of Captain Smith,[4] deceased.

883. [p. 404.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Young,*[2] Plymouth.—His of the 12th has rectified the difference touching the Augustine [832]. Orders go to the Nonsuch and Dartmouth to-night to sail into the Soundings.

884. [p. 404.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Trevanion,*[5] Downs.—Desires information touching his late taking away a barge from Chatham without orders.

885. [p. 404.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Willshaw.*—

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[1] See note to No. 792.

[2] See note to No. 783.

[3] Joseph Perriman (see note to No. 286) was transferred to the William dogger on 12 Dec. (*supra*, vol. i. p. 393).

[4] See No. 571 and note.

[5] Commander of the Dreadnought [550].

However what was observed in September last touching his ship's crankness will leave all that then did observe it inexcusable, the writer does not find any blame likely to remain on him [842]. The king has appointed another ship to sail with Captain Rooth in his stead, and him to do the work of it in accompanying the ships bound to Turkey, and to that purpose he is ordered six months' victuals.

886. [p. 405.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Mayne*, of Exeter.[1]—The two men-of-war with English colours which appeared off Morlaix were the Mermaid and Hunter, who were before that place 2 or 3 days, though by foul weather beat back to Falmouth, whence they are again gone forth. Hopes notwithstanding what is said touching the capers on the French coast, they will bring away the merchant ships in safety. Could the convoy have been made stronger without interruption to the king's service the writer would gladly have endeavoured it. Is heartily sorry for his misfortune in the ship Providence, of Falmouth; advises him to commit his cause to some person better acquainted with the proceedings of the commissioners of prizes.

887. [p. 405.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth*,[2] Downs.—The king and lords approve his having sent out the Success and Nightingale for the better security of the ships expected into the Downs from the River. The king would be glad to hear of the coming of the herring ships from Yarmouth under the convoy of the Antelope. It afflicts the writer very much to find that the pursers are forced to come down to him without money [828], but hopes it will be supplied by credits at Cadiz.

888. [p. 406.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The king approves of their sending the York to Portsmouth to convoy the vessels bound that way. As to the keeping of soldiers in order[3] at the buoy of the Nore that shall come down thither out of Chatham river after the York is gone, the king will not appoint a ship of war on purpose, but advises that the vessel proceed to the Downs, where she will find the Monck and Greyhound bound to Dieppe with other soldiers. The soldiers to be embarked at Newhaven are, as the board proposes, to march to Shoreham, as a more convenient place. The marshal of the admiralty is to take the gunner of the Anne into his custody, for the trial of whom a court-martial is to be held [799, 801]. The Leopard is come out of the Downs as high as Gravesend, where they are to cause her to be surveyed to determine the speediest way of fitting her for a short voyage with Sir John Narbrough's [1] squadron. Her lieutenant (she having no commander [2]) writes word that she is wholly out of provisions. The Monck is to make a trip over with soldiers to Dieppe and so to return to the Downs, where the board should let her victuals be in readiness to meet her. The commander of the Phœnix desires that his men may receive some pay in the Downs before sailing [867].

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[1] MS. 'Exon̄.'

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] '17 Dec. 1673. . . . This day was a complaint made to his Majesty of the hard usage used by the commissioners of the navy . . . to the soldiers now going from hence for France, whom they cause to be shipt but with such ill provision and without convoy, so that wayting so long at sea they fall into calentures and leape into the sea in that frenzy, by which severall of them have been lost' (*Letters to Sir Joseph Williamson*, Camden Society, new series, vol. ix. p. 99).

889. [p. 407.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Fowell.*[3]—Thanks him for his of the 9th. 'I am sorry for the ill usage which you tell me our countrymen do give to strangers in their distress.'

890. [p. 407.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Lieutenant Tyrrell,*[4] Gravesend.—The king and lords have thought it so long since hearing from him out of the Downs that they direct him to send up a journal of his proceedings since leaving the Downs to the day of his arrival at Gravesend. He is to remain where he is till upon survey the navy board shall determine where he is to refit [888]. Has acquainted them with his want of victuals.

891. [p. 407.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Skelton,*[5] Speedwell, Downs.—The king rests satisfied with what he and Captain Rooth [6] advise for his lieutenant's being continued in his employment [814].

892. [p. 408.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Pitt.*[7]—The purser's place of the Royal Charles hath been disposed of by his Majesty to Mr. Powell, of London.

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[1] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[2] See No. 858.

[3] Vice-Admiral of Devon [47].

[4] Present commander of the Leopard [858].

[5] See note to No. 44.

[6] See note to No. 792.

[7] Clerk of the control Portsmouth [805].

893. [p. 408.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Is satisfied from Captain Young about the mistake touching the Augustine [832]. Herewith go orders for the Nonsuch and Dartmouth to go into the Soundings.

Postscript.—'I am spoken to by Sir Geo. Carteret[2] to desire you giving particular charge to the Augustine, when she comes back, to take care (in his convoying the ships to the eastward) of the ship Bahama Merchant, Thomas Fasted, master, now at Plymouth; and that Captain Young may be directed to discharge a man he hath impressed from her, she being a ship of value, and not yet come to her port of unlading.'

894. [p. 408.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Killigrew,*[3] Downs.—To give a character of one Mr. Clinton on board his ship [953].

895. [p. 409.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Clements,* Greyhound, Downs.—Orders have gone to Captain Killigrew[3] for taking in Sir William Lockhart's soldiers [822], so hopes he will be put to no more trouble or expense of victuals for them.

896. [p. 409.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Pinn,* Dartmouth, Plymouth.—Thanks him for advice of the 9th of his re-taking a prize. Orders go by this post to Captain Wright,[4] of the Nonsuch, for him and himself to ply in the Soundings.

897. [p. 409.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Barkinson.*[5]—Though the king has thought fit to appoint Mr. Perriman to succeed his late commander in the employment he solicited, yet the writer has not failed to let his Majesty know his care of the vessels, and the good report given him by the town of Boston [882].

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] Now one of the lords commissioners of the admiralty. Outside the admiralty he was chiefly occupied in colonial affairs (*D. N. B.* ix. 209).

[3] Commander of the Monck [563]. *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[4] Captain Lawrence Wright: see Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 318. On Captain William Wright, commander of the Kitchen yacht, see note to No. 66.

[5] Indexed by Pepys as 'Barrington.' This officer must have been the lieutenant of the William dogger, attending on the service of Boston, to the command of which Joseph Perriman had been appointed from that of the Chatham Double sloop, in succession to Captain William Smith, deceased (see note to No. 882).

898. [p. 409.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.*—The Young Spragge is ordered from Sheerness to Rye to bring into the River what vessels he shall find there laden with guns and shot, and to do the like at Newhaven.

899. [p. 410.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Clarke,*[1] York, buoy of the Nore.—Thanks him for his care about keeping peace among the soldiers in the Blessing. If she is ready to sail when he is, to give her convoy to the Downs.

900. [p. 410.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Mayo,*[2] Princess, Newcastle.—Desires to hear of the enemy's men-of-war ; several colliers lately come from Newcastle had no sight of them. Hopes ere this comes to hand Captain Wetwang [3] will be arrived with him, with the Newcastle and Ruby, from whom he will receive orders.

901. [p. 410.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Watson,*[4] Phœnix, in the Downs.—To give an account of his lieutenant and master.

902. [p. 410.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Washbourne,* Stavoreen, Downs.—Hopes he hath more victuals.

903. [p. 411.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland,*[5] Portsmouth.[6]—Captain Fowler [7] is to have the command of the Rupert. 'I had not till lately a convenient opportunity of showing his Royal Highness what yourself, Captain Killigrew,[8] and Captain Harman [9] sometime since wrote me about the irregular actings of the commanders of the yachts in bringing over the Duchess, which his Highness acknowledgeth you have very good reason to take notice of, as a proceeding not to be admitted in any other case, though in this the desire of gratifying the ladies and the company may be thought in some measure to excuse it.'

904. [p. 411.] 16 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Taylor,*[10] Harwich.—Thanks him for his advice of the 11th of the going out of the light colliery fleet, and the success of the Drake in taking a privateer.

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[1] See note to No. 398.

[2] See note to No. 628.

[3] See note to No. 753.

[4] See note to No. 195.

[5] See note to No. 564.

[6] *I.e.* the place, not the ship.

[7] Thomas Fowler had been second captain of the Prince (*supra*, vol. i. p. 352). According to Charnock, he had been appointed to the Rupert by Prince Rupert after the action of 11 Aug. 1673, and was 'reappointed by King Charles' on 27 Dec. (*Biog. Nav.* i. 395).

[8] Commander of the Monck [563]. *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[9] See note to No. 482.

[10] See note to No. 261.

905. [p. 411.] 17 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Joy*, Buck dogger, at Margate.—Has communicated to the navy board what he writes touching his want of men, 'who are the proper judges thereof.' Doubts not they will allow him more if reasonable [913].

906. [p. 421.] Robes Chamber, &c. 17 *Dec.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to [the Navy Board].*—Desiring a report on the first part of the enclosed proposal touching his Majesty's galley at Leghorn.

Signatures : Anglesey, Arlington, G. Carteret, H. Coventry.

907. [p. 412.] 18 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Herne.*[1]—In favour to the merchants the instructions to the Adventure were respited till their ships were in some proportion got into the Downs, which was no sooner known (by Sunday's list) but the same night they were despatched and came to Captain Temple's [2] hand on Monday.

908. [p. 412.] 18 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Gold.*[3]—Orders are sent this night to Plymouth that the first ship that comes in thither (probably either the Pearl from Topsham sent thither by Captain Young [4] to fetch the ships from thence bound to the Straits, or the Mermaid and Hunter from Morlaix) is to go over with the ships from Topsham bound for Rouen [869].

909. [p. 412]. 18 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Lewis*,[5] Ticket Office.—Desires to know what wages are due to Thomas Upton, who served in the Swallow and Rupert, and is blown up in the Anne [801].

910. [p. 413.] 18 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Fownes.*[6]—In order to the enabling him to prepare a present and perfect account of all the king's ships and other vessels, in relation as well to their present condition as to know what commission or warrant officers at present belong to each of them, the writer desires an account of all the ships now under his muster, whether in ordinary or extraordinary, and the names of their officers, and also an account on Monday in each week, in the method enclosed.

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[1] See notes to Nos. 1698 and 1979.

[2] Commander of the Adventure [751].

[3] Possibly John Gold, a London merchant (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

[4] See note to No. 783.

[5] See note to No. 655.

[6] William Fownes was clerk of the check at Deptford (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Brereton, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Steventon, Mr. Hunter.'[1]

911. [p. 413.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has but very lately understood from Captain Legge[2] that the Hopeful Margaret dogger has been employed in the office of a spy for the security of the harbour of Portsmouth for inquiring after and examining vessels hovering thereabouts, and therefore left to his direction as governor. The board is either to continue her in this service or otherwise dispose of her.

'Though I well know that the want of money is the principal occasion of so many of his Majesty's ships remaining in harbour undischarged, yet thinking it not impossible that if the true condition of the said ships were understood as to their want of repairs, and the length of time which (more or less) they will all require before their repairs can be finished, the time will be found so long, and the charge arising from the useless keeping so many ships in victuals and wages will appear so great, that when it shall be made appear to my lord treasurer and my lords of the admiralty, some course will be taken, at any rate to obtain such a sum as might suffice for the cutting off so unanswerable [a] growing charge, I therefore thought it my duty by this word or two to prompt you to the considering whether it might not be useful to have some speedy judgment made of the time within less than which the ships that in the several ports remain in pay cannot be expected to be put in a condition of service. Which, if you approve of and shall think fit to present to my lords, I am greatly of opinion their lordships will make effectual use of it to the end I propound.'

Desires their giving their opinion touching the usefulness of Captain Clements'[1] prize, whether for a fireship or otherwise, and to know what information they have had from Plymouth of the quality of the prize lately brought in thither by the Augustine.

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[1] Clerks of the check at Woolwich, Chatham, Portsmouth, and Sheerness respectively (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

[2] George Legge, afterwards Lord Dartmouth, had been appointed in August 1673 'warden and captain of the town and isle of Portsmouth' (*D. N. B.* xxxii. 408).

'By a letter to my lords from Mr. Child and Mr. Papillon[2] [I understand] that their lordships' late order for your taking into your possession the victualling storehouses and utensils, do empower you to demand those utensils that are not fixed to the freehold, which, if true, they have very good reason to except against, it being expressly contrary no less to our understanding it than their undertaking. Lest therefore there should be any such mistake in the transcribing of my lords' warrant to your board, I have sent you a transcript of its entry in my books which I entreat you to compare with the original' [925].

912. [p. 415.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[3]—The company of Sir Robert Carey's regiment designed to be shipped at Newhaven, are to march to Shoreham [888], as the navy board informs his Majesty that at Newhaven there is not a draught of water sufficient for the convenient shipping of the men [956].

913. [p. 415.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Refers the captain of the Buck dogger to them, whether, his station being to ply about the North Foreland where the little capers are said to be busy, they think fit for him to have an increase of men [905].

914. [p. 415.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Watson,*[4] Phœnix.—The want of anchorsmiths being as great as the want of any other sort of men, he is to discharge William Bellott, an anchorsmith of Rotherhithe, imprested on board him.

915. [p. 416.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Fownes.*[5]—To send an account every two days of the men mustered on board the ships undermentioned,[6] being designed forth for service, and to inform the writer in anything that may conduce to the furthering of their manning.

916. [p. 416.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[7] Woolwich.—Will give the lords an account of the great despatch he makes in refitting the ships under his care. Was not backward to gratify Mr. Hudson in what he desired [830], but the navy board must be satisfied in the choice of every such officer. One propounded by Commissioner Beach[1] as qualified was found by the board no ways fit for that employ [870].

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[1] Commander of the Greyhound [895].

[2] See Nos. 553 and 738.

[3] Secretary at war [449].

[4] See note to No. 195.

[5] See note to No. 910.

[6] No list given.

[7] See note to No. 500.

917. [p. 417.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks him for his list of the merchant ships now bound out from his port, and desires the like list weekly of ships going out or coming in. Encloses orders for a convoy from Topsham to Rouen to be delivered to the first of the 3 frigates mentioned that shall come into Plymouth [908, 980]. The last post carried orders for the Nonsuch and Dartmouth to sail into the Soundings [896].

918. [p. 417.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young.*[3]—The king will expect an account from Captain London of the Norwich, of his not better following the orders he gave him. It would be matter of trouble to his Majesty if by the backwardness of the merchant ships to get out of the harbour the benefit of the fair wind hath been lost. Will solicit for the money for his prize.

919. [p. 418.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Willshaw,*[4] Reserve.—To use all despatch in getting his 6 months' provisions on board. His Majesty's ships bound for Spain and the others for Turkey (for one of which services he is designed) lie ready in the Downs to make use of the first fair wind, so it will concern him to make all the despatch possible.

920. [p. 418.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Slingesby,*[5] Portsmouth.—Hopes he will never have occasion of altering his opinion touching the fairness of the writer's dealing [458, 502].

921. [p. 419.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Lhostein.*[6]—Is glad he is arrived with his convoys in the Downs. Though the time he has been upon this service hath been somewhat long, his account of his proceedings is very satisfactory. Orders are enclosed for his coming to Sheerness to refit and victual, where directions will be sent him touching the provisions put on board him by Sir James Johnson at Yarmouth.

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[1] Resident commissioner at Chatham.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See note to No. 783.

[4] See note to No. 507.

[5] See note to No. 502.

[6] Commander of the Antelope. See note to No. 143.

922. [p. 419.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Langley.*—Will move the king about his desire for a ship to go to Ireland, but nothing of that nature hath been allowed of during the war.

923. [p. 419.] 18 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Clarke.*[1]—Is glad he got safe into the Downs. Will move his Majesty for leave for him to come to town after he has seen his ship safely moored at Portsmouth.

924. [p. 420.] 18 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Attorney-General.*—At the request of Mr. Child and Mr. Papillon,[2] they desire him to peruse their late warrant to the officers of the navy touching the delivering up of the victualling storehouses, and to be prepared to offer anything to them that is reasonable to be altered in it at their meeting on Saturday morning next [911 *and* 925].

Signatures : Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret.

925. [p. 420.] [18 *Dec.*] *The same to Mr. Child and Mr. Papillon.*[2]—'Whatever ambiguity may be thought to be in our late warrant touching your delivering up of his Majesty's storehouses, we do fully agree with you no less in the excepting from being delivered up all utensils not fixed to the freehold than in our giving you a *salvo jure* against whatever pretences can be raised to your prejudice from the performance of your late undertaking therein, and therefore have sent our desires to Mr. Attorney-General' . . . (*as in the foregoing letter*).

Signatures : Same as the preceding.

926. [p. 421.] 19 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—As to the persons who have been pressed for service in Chatham Yard and have not appeared, the marshal of the admiralty shall have the lords' warrant to take them into custody. The examinations concerning the Anne, and Hester fireship are put into the hands of the judge-advocate, in order to their being made use of at the court-martial [826]. The lords have referred the matter of the storehouses to

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[1] Commander of the York [899]. See note to No. 398.

[2] See Nos. 553 and 738.

Mr. Attorney-General [924]. The lords will confirm what they propound touching the number of men and guns for the Swan, and what rate she shall be of.[1] The king and lords shall be moved to-morrow touching money for fitting out the Swan, and for a warrant for impresting men for the ballast work at Plymouth, 'though I should be glad to understand what it is Captain Lanyon[2] pretends to obtain by a press-warrant, forasmuch as with money they seem to need no presting, and without it I doubt what the consequence of this practice may be, I not remembering that ballast men have been at any time impressed as seamen are.'

927. [p. 422.] 19 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[3] Swiftsure.—Is glad he has received his Majesty's instructions touching the caution to be used in sending any of his ships into the Spanish ports, it being a point wherein his Majesty is at this time under a great deal of care, not knowing what well to depend on touching the Spaniard's dealing with us abroad. The ships going to Bilbao must have the same caution given them.

Marginal note to this paragraph: 'To return the blank commission sent him to use if he had not been satisfied about Captain Skelton's lieutenant' [814, 966].

If the Phœnix and her convoy be ready to sail with him, he is to have an eye to the securing them from danger as far as their way and his lie together.

Marginal note to this paragraph: He is also to have an eye to the Saudados[4] bound to Lisbon.

Is glad of the arrival of the remainder of the ships out of the River with him, and the herring men from Yarmouth, and could wish the Nightingale were also come in as well as the Success.

928. [p. 422.] 19 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Buckworth.*[5]—

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[1] The Swan prize, bought of Captain Young [508, 538], was a 5th rate of 246 tons burden. According to Pepys's *Register*, her full complement in war was 135 men and 32 guns (*supra*, vol. i. p. 278); but see No. 949, *infra*.

[2] See note to No. 706.

[3] See note to No. 792.

[4] See note to No. 55.

[5] Mr. John Buckworth was probably connected with the Turkey Company (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1671, p. 26). That he was a personage of importance in the mercantile world is suggested by his selection as

Desires to know in what condition of readiness the Turkey ships are. The captain of the Phœnix is directed to save the benefit of Captain Rooth's[1] company and his fleet in case the Guinea ships be with him, without staying for those bound to Gambia [930].

929. [p. 423.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 20 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Order to provide 20 tons of lead for the ballasting of the new yacht building at Chatham, 'and that the same be cast in fitting moulds to lie between the timbers.'

Signatures : Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret, H. Coventry, E. Seymour.

930. [p. 423.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Buckworth.*[2]—The instructions to the Phœnix will satisfy the Guinea Company, but desires to be a little informed touching the power they demand by virtue of their charter of seizing all vessels of his Majesty's subjects trading on those coasts other than of their Company, not finding that they have had before any such clause in their convoy's instructions. Will move the king in what he desires touching the safety of the Turkey ships, but doubts whether his Majesty will have Captain Rooth[1] go into the Straits. With the 2 ships designed for that service (who shall be instructed to accompany their ships to Smyrna and Scanderoon as they desire), and the other frigates bound into the Straits, they will be seen fully out of danger.

931. [p. 424.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain James.*[3]—To make use of the very first opportunity to sail with such ships as shall be in the Downs without staying for any others.

932. [p. 424.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Page.*[4]—To make the best use of the press warrant sent him, as men cannot be ordered him from Deptford Yard without great hindrance of other the works to be performed there.

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umpire in a dispute between merchants that came under the notice of the council in 1673 (*ib.* 1673, p. 312).

[1] See note to No. 792.

[2] See note to No. 928.

[3] Commander of the Foresight [556].

[4] Captain James Page, commander of the Portsmouth [858]. Pepys's *Register* also mentions a Captain Thomas Page who commanded the Francis (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 389–90).

933. [p. 424.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Is sorry that the last fair wind was lost in getting out the ships bound to the southward; the writer should be more if he thought it arose from what he mentioned—'the nicety of the masters to work upon the Sunday.' As to what he desires for the Morning Star to go for the brick barques, complaints were lately made of the want of her to attend the Welsh colliers, to which use she was of late particularly designed; but the matter is referred to him and Captain Young[2] to determine. The Bilbao ships with him will be called for with the first wind by the convoys bound thither, in company with Captain Rooth's[3] fleet for the Straits [946].

934. [p. 425.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Turner,*[4] Jason fireship, Sheerness.—Is sorry it will be the latter end of the month before he expects to be ready to sail. To lose no time. If he were now in a condition to look out for men, he might have helped himself out of the colliery fleet.

935. [p. 425.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[5]—Thanks him for his advices of the 18th.

936. [p. 426.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Tyrrell,*[6] Leopard, Greenwich.—Expects to-morrow to hear more particulars of the condition of his ship from the surveyor of the navy at his return from Chatham, and where she is to be repaired. This being agreed on and she safely brought thither, he will move the king for the leave he desires of making a step to town.

937. [p. 426.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young,*[2] Plymouth.—Thanks him for his advice of the departure of the Augustine to the eastward with her convoys. Shall move the lords about the customs of his prize, who will find some present way of easing him of that care.

938. [p. 427.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Wetwang,*[7] Newcastle.—Is glad of his safe arrival with his convoys at Newcastle after so much discourse with the 7 men-of-war of the enemy's plying upon that coast [839, 851]. The king is very sensible of the requisiteness of having a couple of ships more to enforce him, but they cannot yet be spared [968].

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 783.

[3] See note to No. 792.

[4] Captain Francis Turner [858]. Charnock also mentions a John Turner (*Biog. Nav.* i. 274, 299) and a Robert Turner (*ib.* i. 313).

[5] See note to No. 261.

[6] Hitherto 'Lieutenant' Tyrrell—'present commander' of the Leopard [858, 890]. See also No. 954.

[7] See note to No. 753.

939. [p. 427.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[1]—There have been 2 vessels at Harwich for 6 or 7 days, but no soldiers.

940. [p. 427.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Willshaw,*[2] Reserve, Portsmouth.—His convoys will be in the Downs on Monday next, so he must lose not an hour in finishing all that is needful to enable him to go to sea.

941. [p. 428.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain London,* Norwich, Kinsale.—To send a journal of his proceedings since he last left the Plymouth, whose commander gave him instructions, so soon as he had performed his outward-bound service to Dublin, to repair to him without other stop into the Soundings.

942. [p. 428.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Bridgeman,* Greenwich, at Woolwich.—Thanks him for his account of his proceedings.

943. [p. 429.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Bowers,* at Bridlington.—Thanks him for his of the 16th.

944. [p. 429.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[3] Chatham.—Encloses a warrant for pressing 20 carvers. Orders are gone to the navy office for the lead for his yacht [929].

945. [p. 429.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Clarke,*[4] of the York, in the Downs.—Out of those that went from the River with him, he is to appoint a vessel to take in about 150 soldiers at Rye for Dieppe, under the command of Sir William Lockhart. She is to keep company and follow the directions of the Greyhound or the Monck, both now in the Downs, designed for the carrying over of soldiers also to Dieppe.

946. [p. 430.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Temple,* Adventure, Downs.—To call at Plymouth for the ships bound to Bilbao [933].

947. [p. 430.] 20 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Gloucester is directed to fall forthwith down to the Hope, where her provisions should be sent her. The master of the Nonsuch, now at Kinsale, going into the Soundings, is very importunate to be discharged 'in regard he is very ancient and much decayed in his judgment;' concerning this the board is to give such order as shall be fitting.

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[1] Secretary at war [449].

[2] See note to No. 507.

[3] See note to No. 500.

[4] See note to No. 398.

948. [p. 431.] 20 *Dec.* *S. P. to Sir William Jennens*,[1] Gloucester.—To go into the Hope, whither his provisions and pay for his men will follow him [947].

949. [p. 431.] Robes Chamber. 20 *Dec.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to the Navy Board.*—Order that 'in regard of the many and good proofs of the usefulness of Sir Philip Howard's late invention for sheathing his Majesty's ships with lead, in preference to the doing of it with the materials and in the manner anciently used,[2] with respect had no less to the charge thereof than the effectual securing the hulls . . . against the worm,' they shall for the time to come be sheathed in no other manner without special order from the lords.[3]

As the masters of the merchant ships which the board are to take up for men-of-war refuse to let their ships to hire to his Majesty unless they may go commanders of them themselves, he has been pleased by Order in Council to authorise the lords to impress the said ships; which they empower the board to do in such case, in such manner as hath been formerly practised in the navy. They approve of what the board propound, that the Swan prize carry 150 men and 36 guns, and be reckoned a 5th rate [926].

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[1] *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

[2] *I.e.* with wooden boards, a layer of tar and hair being placed between the sheath and the ship, and the whole covered outside with a composition of sulphur, oil, and other ingredients. It was complained that vessels sheathed in this way needed frequent cleaning, and the roughness of the wood-sheathed bottom interfered with their sailing.

[3] The first experiment with the new milled lead sheathing, in place of the old wooden sheathing, had been made upon the Phœnix at Portsmouth in March 1670–1 (see *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1671, p. 274); and this was followed by experiments upon the Dreadnought and Henrietta (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1672, p. 596), Lion (*ib.*), Harwich, and other vessels. The Phœnix was careened at Sheerness in 1673, after two voyages to the Straits, and was inspected by the king himself. The new method, officially adopted by the order referred to in the text, still failed to find favour with some naval experts, especially Sir John Narbrough and Commissioner Beach, who complained that the action of the lead was to corrode very rapidly the nails and rudder-irons of the ship. Their influence was sufficient to cause a reconsideration of the question, and in 1682 the navy board reported against a further use of lead sheathing (*An Account of Several New Inventions and Improvements in a Discourse by way of Letter to the Earl of Marlborough.* London, 1691).

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, G. Carteret.

950. [p. 432.] Robes Chamber. 20 *Dec. The same to the same.*—Order to pay off the Diamond, Dragon, Assurance, and Guernsey, and to refit the Eaglet ketch and furnish her with 3 months' victuals, or so much thereof as she can conveniently stow.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, H. Coventry.

951. [p. 432.] 22 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Clements.*[1]—Has not yet understood anything of his Majesty's resolutions about Sir William Lockhart's going over as ambassador, but when he does will take care to know his pleasure concerning his wearing a flag while he shall be on board him.

952. [p. 432.] 22 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Francis Leeke.*[2]—To spare the commander of the Hampshire some soldiers for a few days for securing his pressed men.

953. [p. 433.] 22 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Killigrew.*[3]—Has received his character of Mr. Clinton [894]. 'I should very willingly have found it to have mentioned the other qualifications of a good sea officer besides that of valour, his Majesty being enough satisfied that that without sobriety and seamanship is lost, and too often proves rather fatal to the service than truly useful.' If Sir William Lockhart comes not by the time the soldiers are on board, he is not to stay for him.

954. [p. 433.] 22 *Dec. S. P. to Lieutenant Tyrrell.*[4]—Has sent to the navy office to hasten down his provisions. Desires him to be at the yard at Woolwich on Wednesday at noon to meet Sir John Narbrough[5] and himself, bringing with him an account of the condition of his ship [955].

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[1] Commander of the Greyhound [895].

[2] Governor of Gravesend (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

[3] See note to No. 894.

[4] Present commander of the Leopard [936].

[5] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

955. [p. 433.] 22 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Burton.*[1]—He shall have a small vessel as soon as possible to help him in pressing; in the meantime he is to make use of his row-boats to get some men out of the laden colliers now coming into the River. Sends him a letter enclosed to Sir Francis Leeke to spare him some soldiers [952]. Desires him to be at Woolwich on Wednesday at noon to meet Sir John Narbrough[2] and himself, bringing with him an account of the condition of his ship [954].

956. [p. 434.] 22 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Most of Sir John Narbrough's[2] squadron stay for provisions; desires that the victuallers may be quickened, 'his Majesty pressing much for their despatch.' The Leopard has but three days' victuals on board, and the Gloucester has had none on board for some days but bread and cheese. 264 recruits with officers are to be shipped at Harwich on 2 January. The Duke of Monmouth thinks it best that Sir Robert Carey's company should be shipped at Portsmouth instead of Shoreham [912]; they are to provide shipping there for 840 men besides officers. A warrant will be issued to the marshal of the admiralty to take the men they speak of into custody, who, together with the business of the George fireship, shall be brought before the present court-martial. Their report touching Mr. Slingesby[3] and Mr. Cleggett, the purser of the Foresight,[4] shall be laid before the lords at their next meeting, as also what they write touching the only merchant ship to be had at Bristol for a man-of-war [828], and the same shall also be done concerning the Leopard.

Postscript.—Captain Rooth[5] writes word that the Dreadnought has been forced back into the Downs by bad weather and is in want of some stores, as is also the Richmond. These should be sent to meet them at Portsmouth.

957. [p. 435.] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 22 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the same*].—Order for them to issue their warrant to the treasurer of the navy for the payment of 150*l.* to William Hewer,[6] one of the clerks to the secretary of the admiralty, 'upon account for the providing of furniture and necessaries of all sorts, together with books, platts, draughts, maps, and other things requisite for the fitting and furnishing of his Majesty's office of the admiralty to be held at Derby House,'[1] according to the said secretary's directions.

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[1] Commander of the Hampshire [858].

[2] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[3] See Nos. 458 and 502.

[4] In a letter of 8 May, 1673, William Cleggett is described as 'late purser of the Foresight' (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 223).

[5] See note to No. 792.

[6] The 'W. Hewer' of the *Diary*.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret.

958. [p. 438.[2]] 22 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[3]—There is this day come hither advice so certain that it is universally taken for true that Evertsen is come with his 9 ships to Cadiz, to which also is added their expectation of a Spanish squadron to join with them, but that is possibly only conjectural [966].

959. [p. 439.[2]] Robes Chamber, &c. 22 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Lord Treasurer.*—The necessities of the poor people in the places where sick and wounded seamen have been quartered within Mr. Evelyn's[4] precinct have been by him this day laid before them; who being pressed to the propounding the lowest supply of money required, hath propounded that if he may be furnished with 2,000*l.* 'for the present refreshment of the most indigent among them,' and 1,000*l.* weekly for 13 weeks to come, for the payment of arrears, 'he doth believe that by the help thereof he may be in condition to pacify the clamours of the said poor people concerned, and encourage their creditors to continue their further trust, and thereby carry on the necessary service now daily called for from him, and that without such a supply of money it will be impossible for him so to do.' They earnestly recommend the case to him, 'for the better encouragement as well of those who are likely by wounds and sickness to fall into his Majesty's hands for relief in the like case the next year, as of those housekeepers and others upon whose credit his Majesty's service must in a great measure inevitably depend for the entertaining of them.'

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret.

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[1] On 3 Jan. 1673–4, the letters of the secretary of the admiralty begin to be dated from the new office at Derby House [1012].

[2] Out of order in the MS.

[3] See note to No. 792.

[4] See note to No. 227.

960. [p. 435.] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Watts.*[1]—Is glad to hear of his safe arrival in the Downs. Encloses orders for bringing his ship up into the River.

961. [p. 435.] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Willshaw.*[2]—Encloses orders for his proceedings so soon as he is ready, which he presumes will be within a few days.

962. [p. 436.] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Bridgeman,* Greenwich.[3]—To be at Woolwich Yard on Wednesday at noon, to meet Sir John Narbrough[4] and himself, and bring with him an account of the readiness of his ship [955, 975].

Underwritten: 'The like to the several vessels of Sir John Narbrough's fleet, Captain Page,[5] commander of the Portsmouth, Captain Hamilton, commander of the Mary Rose.'

[*A blank space follows.*]

963. [p. 436.] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Lucas.*[6]—Hopes ere this his press warrant is come to him. Shall signify his want of gunner's stores to the master of the ordnance. He must apply for a warrant for his master to the navy board, 'from whom alone the masters of his Majesty's ships do receive their warrants.'

964. [p. 436.] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Watson.*[7]—Will represent to the king and lords to his advantage his willingness to proceed on service without staying for the payment of the money to his men.

Underwritten: 'A letter this night to Captain Young[8] wishing him a good voyage, and satisfying the receipt of his of the 20th.'

'A letter of thanks to Mr. Gregory.'[9]

965. [p. 437.] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Langley.*—Some fishermen went out last year to Ireland, and may this, but there were none that had protections or passes for their going [922]. If there be any, will do him the good office he desires.

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[1] Commander of the Augustine. See note to No. 360.

[2] Commander of the Reserve [919]. See note to No. 507.

[3] *I.e.* the ship, not the place.

[4] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[5] See note to No. 932.

[6] Commander of the Hawk fireship [989].

[7] Commander of the Phœnix [914]. See note to No. 195.

[8] See note to No. 783.

[9] Probably Edward Gregory, clerk of the check at Chatham (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

966. [p. 438.[1]] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[2]—Has received the blank commission, and wishes the future behaviour of the lieutenant of the Speedwell may answer his and his captain's kindness to him [891]. The king approves of the person he has put in to be lieutenant of the Phœnix. Gave him by last night's post [958] the news which his doth now give the writer, about Evertsen's being come to Cadiz, 'though not so large, but yet I hope nearer the truth, our discourses here not making the number of the enemy's men-of-war thereabouts so great as what you write.' His Majesty is much troubled at the Antelope running aground [982].

967. [p. 438.[1]] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[3]—Shall move the lords to-morrow for leave for him to come to town.

968. [p. 437.] 24 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Wetwang.*[4]—The Princess and the Drake shall be hastened out again to him, but there are no others to spare [938].

969. [p. 437.] 24 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Mayne.*—Shall be ready to advise him touching his ship the Providence [886]. As to what he desires concerning convoy to St. Malo, nothing can now be spared to convoy a single ship.[5]

970. [p. 439.] 24 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Bonetta sloop being this morning arrived in the River, desires them to have her refitted and victualled at Deptford according to the order formerly sent them.

971. [p. 440.] Robes Chamber, &c. 24 *Dec.* *The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Order to furnish the Mary yacht, attending on the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, with victuals from time to time as she shall require them.

Signatures: Ormonde, Anglesey, G. Carteret.

972. [p. 440.] Robes Chamber. 24 *Dec.* *The same to* [*the same*].—Order in pursuance of an Order in Council of 10 December that masters of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd rates 'shall be borne on the said ships and receive their full pay for themselves and servants as well in ordinary as extraordinary during the present war, they and their servants giving their due and constant attendance on board.'

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[1] Out of order in the MS.

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] See note to No. 564.

[4] Commander of the Newcastle [938]. See note to No. 753.

[5] See No. 1164.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

973. [p. 440.] Robes Chamber. 24 *Dec.—The same to* [*the same*].—Order approving their proposition that next year's victuals be provided at the several ports and according to the distributions following:—

London,	22,700	Portsmouth,	4,000
Plymouth,	1,500	Kinsale,	500
Dublin,	50	Dover,	3,000
Norwich,	1,000	Newcastle,	200
Milford,	150	Yarmouth,	450
Lynn,	50	Hull,	200
Livorne,	700	Tangier,	500

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

974. [p. 441.] Robes Chamber, &c. 24 *Dec. The same to* [*the same*].—Order to them to call upon the commissioners for sick and wounded seamen and prisoners for an account of moneys received and issued since the beginning of the war, and 'of what debts are yet standing out on the same,' and to report.

Signatures: Same as the preceding.

975. [p. 441.] 24 *Dec. S. P. to the same.*—On fresh advices from the coast of Spain [958], the Gloucester and Mary Rose are to go to strengthen Captain Rooth's[1] fleet, and if possible to join him in the Downs. They are therefore to hasten down their provisions and stores, completing their victuals to 4 months. Having been this day with Sir John Narbrough and Commissioner Haddock[2] by the king's special command down at Woolwich to confer with the captains of the ships bound out under Sir John Narbrough[3] [962], they find not only a considerable part of their carpenter's work unfinished on some of them, but their victuals entirely wanting to almost all. The greatest want of all is men, and it is the king's pleasure that the men lately ordered to be paid off may not be paid on board or at the office, but upon some or other of the ships now going out, that so their service for the present expedition may be secured.

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[1] See note to No. 792.

[2] See note to No. 209.

[3] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

976. [p. 442.] 24 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Gold.*[1]—Upon some fresh advice from Spain [958], it is resolved that the Plymouth and Dover shall not go alone, but stay for Captain Rooth.[2] This determination is calculated for the safety of the whole of the merchants' concernments, though the writer fears it may not be found equally convenient for particular interests.

977. [p. 442.] 26 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Understands from Sir William Jennens[3] that the Gloucester is capable of being despatched in time [975] provided she can get her victuals and about 80 or 100 men more. Desires them to press with all earnestness the sending down of the victuals, she being now at Gravesend or the Hope. 'For men, besides what he shall be able to do by his press-warrants, there seems no way open but that the men that are to be discharged out of the ships lately ordered to be paid off may be invited down to the Gloucester and Mary Rose, and what other of the ships of those now going out are in want thereof, by a promise of being paid their arrears when they come on board.' To which purpose the writer desires an estimate of what moneys shall be needful for the paying off of the said ships, and discharging the tickets that shall be in the hands of particular men therein. They are to hasten what boatswain's and carpenter's stores of the Gloucester are yet behind. The like despatch is to be used for Sir John Narbrough's fleet, some of which are not yet furnished in their carpentry [975]. They must be supplied with men the same way, but above all their provisions seem most backward. Let Captain Perriman[4] see what small vessels are in the River in the king's pay that may be applied to the present pressing and receiving of pressed men. Again reminds them of finishing the account of moneys to be demanded of the French ambassador [775].

978. [p. 444.] 26 *Dec.* *The same to the same.*—Will speedily give them an answer to what they desire about the Hopeful Margaret[1] dogger at Portsmouth. 'It is true the year is far spent, and the service is likely to call very suddenly for the fresh manning of the ships, and so your advice seems very reasonable for the withholding the present payment of their companies; but, on the other hand, while the companies of those ships riding uselessly in pay do expect to be paid off before they go to sea (as I fear they generally do), and that other ships now ready to go abroad cannot proceed for want of men, it seems so far advisable that if the present paying off the men from the ships they are now upon will invite them to the present manning of those going out, they should presently be paid, which I pray you to consider of and give me your advice concerning it.'

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[1] See note to No. 908.

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] Commander of the Gloucester [948]. *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

[4] See note to No. 286.

Will write to Captain Lanyon[2] about the ballast business, and thanks them for their answer about a master for the Norwich. Received such an account at Woolwich on Wednesday [975] of the Leopard's defects from her commander and Mr. Pett,[3] the shipwright, that her present service is not to be expected of her; desires to know whither she shall be ordered for her general repair. Orders already sent for the refitting the Deptford ketch at Sheerness. The Duke of Albemarle's and the Earl of Carlisle's regiments, designed for Ireland, are to march to Chester; desires their opinion how vessels may be provided there for transporting them to Dublin. The lieutenant of the Princess, newly come to the Nore, will attend them that they may know her defects; if she may be despatched without bringing her into a dock, Sheerness will be the properest place for her coming in, she being designed for one of the ships appointed for a standing convoy to the colliery this winter.

979. [p. 445.] 26 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[4]—Encloses a paper from Lord Arlington, of which he has already made so much use as to desire the navy board to consider how vessels may be provided at Chester to take in the regiments there for Ireland [978]. Wishes to know from him the time by which the regiments will be on the place.

979*a*. [p. 445.] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Anguish,*

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[1] MS. 'Mary.'

[2] See note to No. 706.

[3] See note to No. 500.

[4] Secretary at war [449].

Deptford ketch.—Sir Thomas Allin having acquainted the writer with his desire to come to town, the king has granted leave for six days.

980. [p. 445.] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Orders have been sent to Captain Young for his forbearing to proceed with the pilchard ships till the arrival of Captain Rooth [976]. Let the Pearl be despatched to convoy the ships to Rouen [917], the merchants pressing very much for it. He will receive orders by the next concerning the Mermaid and Hunter.

980*a.* [p. 446.] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young,*[2] Plymouth.—Presumes the orders sent on Wednesday are arrived with him [980].

Postscript.—Recommends particularly to his care the Ark, at Plymouth, bound with necessaries for the garrison at Tangier.

981. [p. 446.] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[3] Downs.—'The lord wardenship of the Cinque Ports being now in his Majesty's hands, and all that passeth his Majesty in that capacity going out of the office of my Lord Arlington,'[4] the writer cannot so soon procure him power to press within that jurisdiction, but will send it as soon as he can. He is to appoint 2 or 3 small frigates to see the Duchess of Modena[5] safe over from Dover to Calais [1012]. He is also to send one of the small frigates to Dover to convoy Sir William Lockhart over to Calais, and to appoint some frigate to fetch from Rye some vessels with shot and guns, whereof there is great want in the office of the ordnance.

981*a.* [p. 447.] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Robinson,*[6] Hopeful Margaret dogger, Portsmouth.—Hopes he has put into the hands of the prize officer the flyboat he brought into Portsmouth on suspicion of her being Dutch.

982. [p. 447.] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Clarke,*[7]

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 783.

[3] See note to No. 790.

[4] See note to No. 1119.

[5] Princess Mary of Modena came over to England towards the end of 1673 to marry the Duke of York. She was accompanied by her mother, the Duchess of Modena, who was now returning.

[6] John Robinson: see note to No. 1297. Pepys indexes this letter wrongly, under the name of Colonel Robinson, vice-admiral of North Wales [709].

[7] See note to No. 398.

York, Downs.—Thanks him for the intimation of his appointing the Greenwich pink to take in the soldiers at Rye. She is to attend the Greyhound, who is bound thither[1] on the same errand. Thanks him also for his advice about the safe getting off of the Antelope [966].

982*a*. [p. 447.] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Willshaw*,[2] Reserve, at Portsmouth.—The Advice is to do the service first appointed her, as also the Reserve, who is to attend the Portugal ships.

983. [p. 447.] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Perriman*,[3] William dogger.—Has acquainted the navy board with his want of provisions, and the necessity of his being from time to time supplied where he is either by victuals or credit; as also what he mentions touching the relief wanting for sick men.

983*a*. [p. 448.[4]] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Mayo*,[5] Princess.—At the request of some persons of quality, desires him to discharge Mr. Edward Dering. He is designed to continue in the service, but upon some special occasion his friends are earnest at this time to have him on shore.

984. [p. 448.[4]] 27 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Prestwich*,[6] master of the Blessing, in the Downs.—The commissioners for sick and wounded seamen are to take care of the sick soldiers on board him and to make provision for them at Deal.

985. [p. 448.[4]] Robes Chamber at Whitehall. 29 *Dec. The Lords of the Admiralty to* [*the Navy Board*].—Order to find out some way for supplying the William dogger (which attends at Boston) with victuals at that place from time to time as required; as also with the usual allowance for providing necessaries for sick men. In this no time should be lost, as there are several vessels now at Boston waiting her convoy. Also to furnish the

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[1] *I.e.* to Dieppe.

[2] See note to No. 507.

[3] See note to No. 882.

[4] This page has been partially defaced by water. The other side of the leaf is left blank.

[5] See note to No. 628.

[6] Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 374, and Pepys's *Register*, vol. i. p. 395, *supra*, both give the form 'Prestick,' but 'Prestwich' is a well-known name.

Plymouth and Dover, now at Plymouth, with victuals to complete their proportions to 3 months.

Signatures: Anglesey, Ormonde, G. Carteret.

986. [p. 449.] 30 *Dec.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1] —It is the king's pleasure that he come up to attend his commands, leaving his ship to be brought about into the Hope by his lieutenant.

987. [p. 449.] 30 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has sent a warrant to the master shipwright at Chatham for pressing carvers [944]. His Majesty doth greatly press for the despatch of Sir John Narbrough's[1] squadron, so the writer is earnestly to repeat it to them that victuals and all stores may be forthwith sent on board. Volunteers are not to be turned over from ships to be paid off into those going out without their own consent, 'his Majesty thinking it a great moment to his service that his promise be made good to them therein' [255]. Has moved for the warrant some time since to be granted by the king as lord warden [981] for seizing on the men of Milton, Feversham, &c., that have deserted the service at Chatham. They shall speedily receive the king's warrant in writing, pursuant to what he in their presence the other day determined touching the bearing the masters of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd rates [972]. Captain Wetwang,[2] of the Newcastle, writes that 'in the last bad weather which he had his mainsail is blown to pieces, and the outermost cable of his best bower so rotten that it cannot be trusted to.' Desires that these may be sent him, he intending suddenly to come to the southward, and so will probably have an opportunity of taking them on board at the River's mouth. They are to inquire about the wants of the Little Francis fireship, now at Sheerness, which lies in a very ill condition.

988. [p. 450.] 30 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Mather,*[3] Little Francis fireship, at Sheerness.—Has acquainted the navy board with the wants of his ship [987]. A press-warrant is enclosed.

989. [p. 450.] 30 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Lucas,* Hawk, Sheerness.—Doubts not but he has received orders from Sir John Narbrough[1] for bringing his ship about into the Hope.

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[1] *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[2] See note to No. 753.

[3] See note to No. 1343.

990. [p. 450.] 30 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Young*,[2] Plymouth.—Is glad he is well contented to acquiesce in going under the command of one many years his junior in command, 'though when you consider that he is no puny neither in the public service, and as old as any in his Majesty's, whereas yourself are but newly entered upon serving him, you will think this consideration of yours the more reasonable.'[3]

Postscript.—His ship and the Dover are to have their victuals completed to 3 months [985], but are not to stay for this.

991. [p. 450.] 30 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Thanks him for his of the 26th.

992. [p. 451.] 30 *Dec.*[5] *S. P. to Captain Pyend*,[6] Ruby, at Newcastle.—Is glad to hear of his good success in taking the caper. If she is found fit for his service, the king will be his and his company's customer for her, as he hath been lately to Captain Young [508].

993. [p. 451.] 30 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Wetwang*,[7] Newcastle, at Newcastle.—Has received his from Leith Road and has made known his wants to the navy board [987]. The works of the Princess and the Antelope are despatching as fast as possible in the condition the officers of the navy are in of money and stores; one or both of which will be sent him as soon as they are in a condition of sailing.

994. [p. 451.] 30 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Joy*, Buck dogger.—To send up an answer to the enclosed certificate blaming his behaviour in his late conflict with the caper, wherein the William and George merchantman was taken off the Foreland to our no little reproach [996].

995. [p. 452.] 30 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Willshaw*,[8] Reserve, at Portsmouth.—To take care of the Friendship, Edmund Scott, master, bound with provisions to Tangier.

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[1] *D.N.B.* xl. 89.

[2] See note to No. 319.

[3] See No. 976. The reference is presumably to Captain Rooth, who had been appointed to his first command in 1660 (Pepys's *Register*, vol. i. p. 400, *supra*), whereas Captain Young's service in the royal navy had only begun with 1673 (*ib.* p. 429).

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] MS. 30 January.

[6] See note to No. 656.

[7] See note to No. 753.

[8] See note to No. 507.

996. [p. 452.] 30 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[1] Downs.—Acknowledges his account of the unhappy loss of the William and George merchantman, and the misbehaviour of the captain of the dogger [994]. Encloses a copy of his justification, and has sent him a copy of his certificate against him. The king approves of what he has done touching the Falcon, whose commander he hopes will be careful to fall in with his fleet ; as also his proposition for a ship to cruise between the Foreland and the Kentish Knock, and will put it in execution so soon as he has a ship to spare. Is glad the report which hath been very hot in town for 24 hours past is untrue, which would needs have had the Foresight carried away into Holland by the mutiny of her company.

997. [p. 453.] 30 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[2]—Gives him a transcript of a clause in a letter from Captain Rooth,[1] in the Downs, desiring 'some recruit of powder.' Takes the liberty of doing this in regard of the service which his expectation of meeting of Evertsen at Cadiz [966] may call him to.

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[1] See note to No. 790.

[2] Master-general of the ordnance.

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998. [p. 1.] Whitehall. 1 *Jan. S. P. to Colonel Piper*,[1] Plymouth.—Desires him to permit such person as shall be appointed thereto by Mr. William Martin, merchant, at Plymouth, to repair on board the Susanna of Weymouth, lately retaken by the Dartmouth, laden with oranges and lemons, and there to remain on behalf of the merchants concerned in her lading, for the present securing the same from being embezzled. Thanks him for his advices concerning Evertsen, &c. So soon as the Mermaid and Hunter come back, what he mentions of the ships at Falmouth bound to Rouen and London will be remembered.

999. [p. 1.] [Whitehall.] 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Washbourne*, Stavoreen, Downs.—Is sorry for his being unprovided of a purser, the more for the reason of it—the ill-usage which Mr. Page, his purser, tells him that both himself and steward have received from his lieutenant, which the writer is very apt to believe to be too true, since he was yesterday with him to desire for that reason to be discharged of his employment, as being not longer able to bear the wrong. If true, no little part of the blame will reflect upon him, whose duty it is to support his inferior officers against any injuries offered them from their superiors. For with what reason can it be expected that any other person that is worth the employing will be contented to come in his room after his being known to have left his place upon the terms he doth? The writer has received such a character of him from the navy office as one that hath duly passed his accounts, that he thought it fit to invite him to return to his ship, but cannot persuade him to it and therefore must endeavour to find another. Desires a true account of the occasion of this discontent [1023].

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

1000. [p. 2.] Whitehall. 1 *Jan. S. P. to Sir William Jennens*,[1] Gloucester, in the Hope.—To hasten to the Downs, where he hopes that without any violence the merchant ships will for their own sakes be persuaded to part with a man or two to enable him to keep them company, at least so far as to increase his number of men to what it was in the last Dutch war, namely 280.

1001. [p. 3.] Whitehall. 1 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has just received advice from Mr. Lock, secretary at war, that 8 companies of the Earl of Carlisle's regiment and 8 more of the Duke of Albemarle's are ordered to march to Chester to be embarked for Ireland, consisting of about 60 soldiers in each company, besides officers, who may probably be at Chester in expectation of their embarking about a month hence. Desires them to provide shipping and to state the charge thereof, and what ready money (if any) will be necessary. The Princess at the Nore has but 4 days' provisions, which they are to see supplied, and as soon as they have any return from those appointed to survey her, they are to inform the writer to what place they think fit to dispose of her that he may provide orders for her sailing. 2,000 hammaccoes to be sent down to the Henrietta in the Hope, there to be delivered to the boatswain, to be by him indented for and disposed of as Sir John Narbrough shall direct.

1002. [p. 3.] [Whitehall.] 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Wright*,[2] Nonsuch, Plymouth.—To lose no time in refitting and getting out to sea again to his station.

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[1] *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

[2] Captain Lawrence Wright: Pepys's *Register* mentions three other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 427-8).

1003. [p. 3.] [Whitehall.] 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Young*,[1] Plymouth.—Thanks him for his advice touching Captain Cuttance's good fortune in escaping the caper and bringing away some of his men, as also for the Dartmouth retaking the Susanna of Weymouth [998]. He is to cause her and the Nonsuch to make what despatch they can out to sea.

1004. [p. 4.] Whitehall. 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, Plymouth.—To make haste to his station.

1005. [p. 4.] [Whitehall.] 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Killigrew*,[2] Monck, Downs.—To forbear to proceed to Dieppe, but to put the soldiers on board him on some other of the vessels employed for transporting of soldiers, and to put his ship in a condition of obeying what further orders he may daily expect.

1006. [p. 4.] [Whitehall.] 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Harris*,[3] Constant Warwick, Downs or Dover.—If he can make shift to reach Rye while the wind remains as it is, and bring away the vessels there bound for the River, without any considerable loss of time to his convoys, his Majesty will reckon it a very good service, there having lain long some stores at Rye for want of convoy which the service stands in great need of.

1007. [p. 4.] [Whitehall.] 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Langley*.[4]—Immediately to repair up hither to receive some commands from the king wherein despatch is necessary; 'so that if you can bear it I would advise you to come up post' [1153].

1008. [p. 5.] Whitehall. 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Lhostein*,[5] Antelope, Sheerness.—His pilot to be still kept in safety till opportunity present for his trial at a court-martial. The king consents to his coming up for a few days as soon as his ship is out of the dock again. Doubts not that he has informed the officers of the navy with the service the boats did for him for which he desires suitable rewards. Congratulates him on bringing in his ship without more damage after the great hazard he was lately in.

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[1] Captain Anthony Young, commander of the Plymouth, was commander-in-chief of the western squadron. See note to No. 319.

[2] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[3] See note to No. 353.

[4] See note to No. 147.

[5] See note to No. 143.

1009. [p. 5.] [Whitehall.] 1 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Watts,* Augustine, Nore.—His Majesty having some service upon which he would continue him abroad for a month or six weeks before he comes in, it is his pleasure that he immediately give the writer notice of the condition of his ship.

Underwritten: 'A duplicate of this sent to the Hope.'

1010. [p. 5.] [Whitehall.] 2 *Jan. S. P. to Sir John Maynard.*[1]—To attend the lord keeper at his house in Lincoln's Inn Fields to-morrow at 3.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Solicitor.'

1011. [p. 6.] Whitehall. 2 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Desires, for the use of the French commissary [977], an authentic duplicate of the account of stores enclosed in theirs of yesterday, as also vouchers to prove the truth of our demands, if the board concur in thinking that he will expect them. The writer is by his Majesty's command, with the assent and advice of the lord treasurer, to let them know that 'in order to the speedier manning of the ships now hastening out under Sir John Narbrough, and upon which, though the full complements appear by the clerk of the check's returns to be for the most part borne on the respective books, yet not a quarter part of the whole appear either to do service on board or answer to their musters, the absence of the rest being imputed to their attendance in town for the procuring, examining, or payment of their tickets,' the board do by all convenient means forthwith make it known that whatever seamen shall repair on board any of the ships belonging to Sir John Narbrough's squadron now in the River, and named in the margin, shall have their tickets immediately paid on board the said ships respectively, the lord treasurer having promised 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* for this occasion; and that for the more effectual carrying seamen down to the ships, the board are to respite the payment of tickets here until these ships be manned. Presses them to hasten the getting forth of the ships to sea by despatching down their provisions and stores, and requiring from the officers a strict account of their attendance and industry.

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[1] King's serjeant. *D. N. B.* xxxvii. 158.

Margin: 'Henrietta, Mary Rose, Greenwich, Crown, Hampshire, Assistance, Portsmouth, Dover dogger, Peterman dogger, Country's Welfare, Fortune flyboat. Sloops:—Vulture, Hound, Lizard, Bonetta, Wivenhoe, Hawk, Jason.'

1012. [p. 7.] Derby House.[1] 3 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[2] Downs.—Hopes ere this he has been applied to by the muster-master at Deal for the number of merchantmen now in the Downs outward bound, 'in order to the computing the true number of men likely to be carried out with them'; if not, desires him 'immediately to fall upon causing it to be done.' Which he presumes the masters of the vessels will make less difficulty of permitting in case he shall let them know that 'it is not in order to the depriving them of any of their men, but for some other reason, and in particular to know the force of the fleet to defend itself in case of meeting with the enemy; and to that purpose it may not be unuseful to demand also their number of guns, the better to disguise' the inquiry, as also the port to which they are or pretend severally to be bound. This trouble is occasioned by the imperfectness of the lists daily received from Deal [1019 *and* 1036]. Takes notice of what he writes concerning the captain of the Buck dogger, and sending the Speedwell and Richmond to attend the Duchess of Modena[3] [981], as also concerning the Foresight. Authority for holding a court-martial shall be speedily sent him, 'it being matter of much trouble to consider how all discipline and obedience seems at this day to be laid aside.'

1013. [p. 8.] 3 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Young,*[4] Plymouth.—Is satisfied in what he writes touching his not having lost, as was suggested, the benefit of a late wind. Encloses his Majesty's warrant concerning the Dover. Desires an account of the names, masters, guns, and men of all the ships now bound out with him from Plymouth, as also the port to which each is bound.

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[1] Derby House had just been furnished as an office for the new admiralty commission [957]. It had been similarly used during the Interregnum, from January 1655 (Oppenheim, p. 347).

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] MS. 'Medina.

[4] See note to No. 1003.

1014. [p. 8.] 3 *Jan.* *S. P. to Sir Richard Munden.*[1]—John Watts having upon the enclosed protection for the preserving from the press 5 men belonging to the ferry-boat of Grays, made oath that, notwithstanding, Edward Taylor and William Watts were pressed by Roger Kemp, his lieutenant, he is to discharge them, and to direct the lieutenant to appear before the lords on Wednesday next to answer for his contempt.

1015. [p. 8.] 3 *Jan.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Is sorry the Mermaid and Hunter have met with such contrary winds, but hopes ere this they are upon their way homewards.

1016. [p. 9.] *Sunday*, 4 *Jan.* *S. P. Lord Brouncker.*[3]—Has perused his certificate. Desires him to add the sums which will strictly answer the questions following: What was the general debt of the navy upon 14 July last? What hath been the general debt thereof contracted from that day to 31 Dec.? What hath the treasurer of the navy's receipts between the said days in general amounted to? The like touching the general value of his payments within the said time. The value of the moneys remaining in the treasurer of the navy's hands on the said 31 Dec., not assigned away for past goods and services, but applicable to future services and supplies of stores. The debt of the navy upon the said 31 Dec. under its particular heads, with the value of the whole. Desires the information to-morrow before noon.

1017. [p. 9.] 5 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Watts.*[4]—To deliver to Captain Edward Cotterell[4] what logwood and other concerns of his own are on board his ship.

1018. [p. 12.[5]] 5 *Jan.* *S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[3]—Desires the general charge of the navy contracted between 14 July and 31 Dec., 1673—if possible before noon [1016].

1019. [p. 10.] 5 *Jan.*, 'one at night.' *S. P. to Captain*

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[1] Commander of the Assistance [858]. *D. N. B.* xxxix. 301.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] Comptroller of the treasurer's accounts. *D. N. B.* vi. 469.

[4] James Watts had succeeded Cotterell as commander of the Augustine, hired ship [346, 360].

[5] Out of order in the MS.

Rooth,[1] Downs.—Thanks him for his advice of the losing and retaking of two of the vessels from Rye [1025], though it seems matter of much wonder to his Majesty by what negligence they could be taken between Rye and the Ness. His Majesty approves of what he has done in sending out the Bonadventure and Success to look out for the Speedwell, and intercepting of the three capers. Encloses orders for one of the Bilbao ships to attend the vessel which will shortly be in the Downs laden with the French ambassador's goods to Havre de Grâce, from whence she is to repair to Plymouth, there to stay for the arrival of him and his fleet, as her consort and the merchant ships bound to Bilbao are to stay there for her in case he shall be got thither, and proceed on his voyage before her despatching her work at Havre de Grâce and getting to Plymouth [1037]. His next will bring him a commission for holding a court-martial. His Majesty's care being in an especial manner exercised at this day in the considering how to strengthen his fleet in regard of what may reasonably be apprehended from the strength of the enemy upon the Spanish coasts, he offers him the addition of the Constant Warwick if he finds her in present condition to accompany him; orders for supplying her with victuals shall go to Dover to-morrow. Desires him, in case the St. Peter galliot shall arrive in the Downs before the departure of the Greyhound, to give orders to her commander to take her under convoy, together with the other vessels formerly mentioned to Captain Clements bound to Rouen, and seeing the said galliot safe to Havre de Grâce, to stay for her taking in some wine for his Majesty (but not exceeding 48 hours), and bring her back to the Downs.

Expects with impatience his list of ships and men [1012, 1037], 'it being of great moment to the king and his service (especially with regard to the judging how the next year's fleet will be manned) that the numbers of men now going out may be thoroughly known, and conjecture made what part of them may be expected timelily at home again, and what not.' The writer is by special direction from the king to admonish him to keep his force together as much as may be. To this end he is to instruct the

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[1] See note to No. 792.

Portugal ships to see their convoys safe into their ports with as little loss of time as may be, and from thence to join him again at Lisbon or Cadiz, or where else he may direct.

1020. [p. 11.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Desires them to order the Constant Warwick victuals from Dover [1019].

1021. [p. 12.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[1]—His Majesty, having been informed of several disorders lately happening between the press masters and some seamen, 'who are said to assemble themselves mutinously in bodies from day to day, not only to the interrupting but assaulting and wounding the said press masters in the execution of their duties, has resolved upon having some soldiers appointed from day to day for the preventing the growth of the said disorders, and commanded me to give you the substance of the warrant which he would have forthwith provided and sent to the Lieutenant of the Tower (if it could be) to-night, that they may be at work to-morrow.'

1022. [p. 12.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[2]—The guns of the Hampshire are said to remain still at Chatham, while the ship lies in the Hope (as she hath for some time done) in daily expectation of them, and very forward in everything else.

Postscript.—Since the closing of this, a letter is come to hand from the captain of the Constant Warwick and Little Spragge, which were sent convoy to his guns and shot, which gives an account of the unfortunate miscarriage of one of his vessels, notwithstanding both the force and care of the convoys [1019, 1025].

1023. [p. 13.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They may expect very speedily warrants for impresting the caulkers and shipwrights they desire for carrying on the works at Chatham. The business of the dogger that is said to have misbehaved herself in permitting a merchant ship to be taken off the Foreland is in examination; and though the master of the merchant ship is by all acknowledged to be no less in blame, he will ere long find marks of his Majesty's displeasure laid upon the master of the dogger. The Leopard is ordered up to Woolwich as they advise, but where is the Princess to be refitted? The king and lords approve their scheme of the numbers and distribution of the tenders for the next year's fleet; as also what they have very reasonably observed about 'the extravagant charge his Majesty hath of late been exposed to by commanders expecting (even as low as those of the 5th rate) the taking up of vessels on purpose to enable them to press'; and they concur with what they propound as the better method of providing seamen—the employing persons at the several ports for the impresting and collecting of men to be sent to the fleet when occasion requires. The lords agree with their proposal to have the William dogger victualled from time to time at Lynn.

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[1] Secretary at war [449].

[2] Master-general of the ordnance. *D. N. B.* x. 231.

What was discoursed of yesterday between them and the writer at their board, upon his attending them by order of the king and lords to that purpose, supersedes so much of what was lately designed touching the transferring of the men out of the 4 ships ordered to be paid off unto Sir John Narbrough's fleet. His Majesty approves what was then agreed on—'that the moneys designed for the inviting of the seamen to go down thereto with promise of having their tickets paid at their arrival on board [1011], should be sent down by some yacht as low as the Henrietta, and there kept on float to be disposed of to the several ships of Sir John Narbrough's fleet, as upon advice the persons attending the pay shall understand that men are come down and actually entered on board the said ships respectively in expectation of payment of their tickets for past service.' The lords approve their sending away an anchor and cable to the Newcastle, and of the Old Francis having some repairs done to her. Has put into the French commissary's hands the account of his Majesty's loans of stores for the use of the French fleet, who will attend Mr. Surveyor for seeing the vouchers and receipts [1011]. Desires a further account of the gunner of the Ruby's neglect, since all that is yet said by the two shipwrights will not amount to any conviction, they having not averred that either the barrels by them mentioned were powder barrels, or that there was powder in them. Thanks them for their account of the small vessels.

The purser of the Stavoreen [999, 1026, *and* 1043] undertakes to show that he hath actually taken up and satisfied for out of his purse for 3 months' necessaries for a 3rd rate, so as that he plainly denies to provide any more and refuses to have anything more to do with his employment. Beseeches the board to bring the matter to a settlement.

The king and lords are acquainted with their opinion touching Sir John Duteil's[1] proposition of having some soldiers employed upon the galleys, and they will be provided from Tangier. The king also approves their proposition touching some seamen to be put on board the galleys. Desires them to order victuals to the Monck, one of Sir John Narbrough's squadron; she had but 14 days' provisions on board on the 4th inst. The master of the Hind dogger writes very earnestly for some increase to his number of men, urging not only that he is allowed but 12 while other doggers have 36 and 30, but that by this scarcity he was constrained lately to lose his boat; desires them to consider this [1045]. Hopes care is taken for sending down money to the Gloucester, now gone into the Downs. The king hath commanded him to press them to despatch the 3 merchant ships some time since ordered to be imprested into his service, as also the St. David, all that may be.

1024. [p. 15.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Dawson.*[2]—Captain Rooth will supply him with an able master for Smyrna when he comes to Cadiz [1025].

1025. [p. 16.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth*,[3] Downs. —Captain Dawson, of the Advice, declares the inability of his master to take upon him the charge of the ship to

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[1] Sir John Baptiste Duteil was a French gentleman who had been appointed in 1671 to take charge of the two galleys that had been built at Genoa and Leghorn for the king (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1671, p. 325). He had been already concerned in the building of the galleys (*ib.* 1670, pp. 178, 325; Corbett, ***England in the Mediterranean***, ii. 76), and was appointed to the command of the Leghorn galley, which was successfully armed and equipped before the end of 1674 (*ib.* ii. 77). There is a reference to its expected arrival at Tangier in No. 2043, *infra.* He is sometimes referred to as the 'Sieur Duteil,' and it is possible that 'Sir' may be a corruption of this, and not an English knighthood.

[2] Captain John Dawson, commander of the Advice [1025]. Pepys's *Register* mentions four other officers of the same surname (*supra* vol. i. pp. 343-4).

[3] See note to No. 792.

Smyrna; he is therefore to supply another out of his fleet [1024]. Hopes he will by this post receive the commission he desires for enabling him to hold courts-martial, being more sorry than surprised to find what he writes touching the want of respect given to his orders as commander-in-chief, and particularly in the Richmond coming away from Calais, contrary to his directions, without the order of the captain of the Speedwell, 'concerning which I shall not fail to do my duty by the grace of God (whomsoever it offends) in laying it before his Majesty, so as that I hope our young commanders will see his Majesty will countenance no such breach of discipline.' Is sorry to find by a letter from the captain of the Constant Warwick that one of the vessels with guns and shot from Rye is carried away by the enemy notwithstanding his and Captain Broad's[1] letter to him, and his to the writer, intimating their retaking both [1019, 1022, 1190].

1026. [p. 16.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Washbourne*, Stavoreen.—The writer's readiness [to listen to his purser] [1023] was only that of hearing any man's complaints 'at a time when (the more is the pity) nothing is more ordinary than of the superior officers oppressing inferior, not to their wrong only but to the great disservice of his Majesty.' Is sorry for the great difference between his reckoning and the purser's, who appeals to his vouchers. Desires him not to rely on his steward only, but to examine the true state of his stores, and inform Sir Jeremy Smyth[2] or the navy board.

1027. [p. 17.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Sir William Jennens.*[3] —Thanks him for discharging the young man in answer to his desire, though sorry to find they were misinformed concerning his age and ability, he being reported to be but 14 years old, and in no capacity of doing service. The navy board will send down money for his ship to the Downs. As to the order he demands for requiring a man out of every merchant ship, it is what hath at no time been done, and the consequence of it may be ill; he is therefore to rest upon what he may obtain by courtesy and argument, showing it to be the merchants' interest to put him into condition of serving them, and not attempt anything by violence.

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[1] Commander of the Young Spragge (*supra*, vol. i. p. 329).

[2] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

[3] Commander of the Gloucester [948]. *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

1028. [p. 18.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Preistman.*[1]—Understanding as well his arrival in the Downs before the Speedwell, as what happened to her after his departure by her being attacked by some of the enemy's men-of-war and forced to cut her cable, the writer desires an account by what order he left the Speedwell [1025 *and* 1038].

1029. [p. 18.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Perriman.*[2]—He is to revictual from time to time at Lynn [1023]. To be more particular in his charges against the person of whom he complains.

1030. [p. 18.] 6 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Skelton.*[3]—They are all very glad of his escape from the enemy, but desires to know how it came to pass that he was left by the Richmond [1028 *and* 1038].

1031. [p. 19.] 7 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Turner*,[4] Jason fireship, Hope.—Encloses a press warrant, and desires him to follow Sir John Narbrough's orders.

1032. [p. 19.] 7 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Watts*, Augustine, Nore.—He is to receive 3 months' victuals to go out again with Sir John Narbrough.

1033. [p. 19.] 7 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will send the king's resolution concerning the soldiers both in the Downs and at Harwich. His Majesty intends the Augustine shall go out with Sir John Narbrough; they are to use all possible despatch in revictualling her, as also in refitting the Antelope and Princess at Sheerness.

1034. [p. 20.] 7 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Hudson*,[5] Dover dogger, Hope.—'Unless within two days after notice hereof, and application to you by the merchants concerned . . . you do put into a way of arbitration the business in difference between yourself and the merchants who lately complained of you to their lordships, so as that they may receive full satisfaction from you before the ships under Sir John Narbrough be ordered forth, of which number you are one, the lords are resolved to displace you . . . the merchants having propounded to stand to the determination of any two indifferent men, one to be chosen by them and the other by you; and in case of their not determining it, the merchants, with their lordships' approbation, do declare their readiness to submit to my umpirage, which I am not desirous to take upon me, but do for your own good advise you to let the lords see your readiness to bring it to a fair conclusion.'

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[1] Commander of the Richmond [1170].

[2] Joseph Perriman, commander of the William dogger. See note to No. 882.

[3] Commander of the Speedwell. See note to No. 44.

[4] Captain Francis Turner. Pepys's *Register* gives three other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 416–7).

[5] See note to No. 340.

1035. [p. 20.] 7 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Harris*,[1] Constant Warwick, Downs.—The king 'seems greatly unsatisfied by what neglect the vessels coming from Rye should be snapped by the enemy' [1025].

1036. [p. 20.] 8 *Jan.* *S. P. to Mr. St. Michel*,[2] Deal.—Thanks him for his of the 4th with the account of the ships in the Downs, which he is apt to believe comes near the truth in regard of its differing not above 3 or 4 ships from the list since received from Captain Rooth [1012]. Desires him to thank Mr. Neale[3] also for his share therein.

1037. [p. 21.] 8 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth*,[4] Swiftsure, in the Downs.—Thanks him for his pains in answering his desires about the number of merchant ships with their guns and men now in the Downs outwards bound [1019]. The king is very well pleased, 'noting in particular how much the wor[l]d's discourse is mistaken, that reckon no less than 8,000 men now going abroad with this fleet that will not be at home to do his Majesty any service this next summer; whereas the whole number of men contained in both your lists amounts to but 3,354, and of those about 1,750 that may reasonably be expected home time enough for that use, as being on ships bound no further than Tangier at farthest, so that the number which are likely to be lost by the merchant ships will be about 1,605 men, to which adding 1,500 for the convoys attending them, the whole of the men lost for the next summer's service out of the fleet in the Downs . . . is but about 3,105, which will be lessened also somewhat by the coming home of several merchant ships now homewards bound, waiting for convoy at Tangier; which I mention not but that I wish there were fewer, but that I cannot but be glad that the continuing of trade abroad, the stopping the clamour of the poor workmen at home, and the securing to his Majesty the custom that will arise by so considerable a fleet, will be compassed with the absence of about 3,000 men.'

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[1] See note to No. 353.

[2] See note to No. 152.

[3] Postmaster at Deal.

[4] See note to No. 792.

Hopes in God money will come down time enough to pay the Gloucester. Has moved his Majesty about what he writes touching his lieutenant, and could wish he had sent word whether he be his first or second lieutenant. If he has any worthy person in his eye near him that he would recommend, the king hath that reliance upon the justness of his choice as that he will send him a commission down for him [1070]. It is not his Majesty's meaning that the Bilbao ship should stay behind him in case the wind should serve him and he sail before the French ambassador's goods come down, but only in case that vessel comes before he sails that then one of the Bilbao convoy do endeavour to carry her into her port, and so to repair to Plymouth [1019]. Has sent to Dover for victuals for the Constant Warwick. Desires him to see that the Greyhound have instructions about going to Havre de Grâce with the vessels that will apply themselves to him for convoy thither [1019]. The king approves his appointing the Bonadventure to convoy over the Cleveland yacht with the French ambassador to Calais.

1038. [p. 22.] 9 *Jan. S. P. to the same.*—In answer to something he lately wrote to Captain Preistman and Captain Skelton [1028 *and* 1030], the latter tells the writer 'that he did tell Captain Preistman that as the wind and tide then were he did think it fit to come to an anchor,' while, on the contrary, Captain Preistman tells him 'that he did not think it convenient, and receiving no orders from Captain Skelton to the contrary did make the best of his way to the Downs.' Desires him to examine both commanders.

The officers of the navy will provide credit from the Turkey Company for the supply of the Advice and Sweepstakes with provisions and necessaries, if they should be taken short of either of them when abroad. The king approves his care in sending out the Adventure and Nightingale to look after the Dutch capers in the Narrow [1070]. Believes that Colonel Strode or his deputy at Dover[1] may have received the warrant for impresting of men for his fleet, and that it may lie in their hands unexecuted for want of some person to solicit it; it may be worth a message thither to know [1069 *and* 1070].

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[1] Colonel Strode was governor of Dover Castle.

1039. [p. 23.] 9 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Cooper*, Spy sloop, in the East Swale.—Forasmuch as the principal intent of his Majesty in his late order for prohibiting oysters to foreign parts was the removing that pretence by which strangers have been so reasonably suspected to have come into Feversham Water and thereabouts for making discoveries, he is only to continue to see the orders executed of having bond taken by the custom officers for their not being exported to any foreign parts, the surmise of that pretence of carrying them into an English port and from thence abroad being not ground enough to stay any vessel from going to fish who will be contented to enter into the same bond [1352].

1040. [p. 23.] 9 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Clarke*,[1] York, Downs.—In case the wind should come fair for his going to Portsmouth before the return of the Greyhound, he is himself to convoy the Greenwich pink to Rye as he passes by.

1041. [p. 24.] 9 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Hopes they will provide credit for the Advice and Sweepstakes from the Turkey Company [1038]. Takes notice of the letter from the Downs touching the soldiers, 'as well in relation to their mutinous behaviour to the master of the vessel as the necessities which I fear do but too reasonably provoke them to it.' Knows not a remedy, but that as soon as the Greyhound comes back from Calais she is ordered to convoy them over. As to victuals, the writer cannot guess how they came short of all other species and have only bread and cheese remaining, but prays them to send orders to Dover for furnishing the vessel with a month or two's provisions.

1042. [p. 24.] 9 *Jan. S. P. to Sir R. Munden.*[2]—Will speak once more to his Majesty for a supply of soldiers for him, though at his late doing it he seemed unwilling to spare any in hopes that seamen may be gotten; but since he gives them so little hopes of his gaining a sufficient number of them, the writer presumes his Majesty may be prevailed with to let him have some soldiers.

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[1] See note to No. 398.

[2] See note to No. 1014.

1043. [p. 25.] 9 *Jan. S. P. to Lieutenant Tosier*, lieutenant of the Stavoreen.—'I have been noways inclined to any undue thoughts concerning you in the execution of the employment you are in, more than that upon the purser's complaint, and his seconding it with a desire of having leave to surrender his employment (which I never knew any purser till now do), I could not, nor can still (to tell you the truth), believe that he hath done it without some reason of easing himself by it, and avoiding some evils which he had rather forfeit the benefit of his office for, than continue to suffer. However, I shall not go about to prejudge you, but only inform you that Captain Rooth hath a commission for the holding of courts-martial, and that it seems to me more conducing to the weal of his Majesty's service that in the presence of a flag officer you should inform him and procure punishment to an offender by a regular course, than take upon you the judging and correcting of the miscarriage of an under officer where the judgment of a flag can be so easily recurred to' [999].

1044. [p. 25.] 9 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Burton*,[1] Hampshire, in the Hope.—To let no time be lost in the fitting of his ship.

1045. [p. 26.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Marshall*,[2] Hind dogger, at Harwich.—For an increase in his number of men, must refer him to the navy board [1023].

1046. [p. 26.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Young*,[3] at Plymouth.—Thanks him for his care to give suitable instructions to Captain Mason.[4] The king approves his sending the Dove dogger along with the convoy coming with the African. Hopes to receive the account of the ships he promised, it being much wanted in order to the comparing it with those going out from hence, and thereby judging of the number of men going abroad at this time in merchantmen [1037].

1047. [p. 26.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Clements*,

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[1] See note to No. 846.

[2] See note to No. 1962.

[3] See note to No. 1003.

[4] Captain Christopher Mason, commander of the Dover. Pepys's *Register* gives two other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 382).

Greyhound, in the Downs.—The Young Spragge is to join with him as he desires. Encloses orders for his convoying the vessels with the soldiers (the Monck being ordered upon other service), and also those bound for Rouen.

1048. [p. 26.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Hopes his next will bring tidings of the Mermaid and Hunter, 'whose long absence puts us in pain for them.'

1049. [p. 27.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, at Plymouth.—The lords have several days since appointed a complement of men and guns for his ship. Presses him to make despatch in getting her in a readiness for the sea.

1050. [p. 27.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Robert Wetwang*, at Newcastle.—Hopes his father[2] is advanced a good way hitherwards.

1051. [p. 27.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Clarke,*[3] Well dogger, at Plymouth.—Has received his of the 7th from Portsmouth and hopes this will find him arrived at Plymouth. The king did give the salvage of a vessel retaken by the Plymouth to Captain Young [508], but he has not made it a standing rule. But if he apply to him by petition as Captain Young did, he and his company may be gratified.

1052. [p. 28.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[4] Downs. —The enclosed gives the result of his Majesty's commands on the advices from Lisbon and Oporto of the strength of the enemy upon the coasts of Spain and Portugal. Further directions will be sent him after the debate upon the subject thereof to-morrow at council. In the meantime his Majesty will insist upon having his fleet enforced all that possibly may; to which purpose he is to hasten the Constant Warwick in her preparations to accompany him, the Gloucester being ready.

1053. [p. 28.] 10 *Jan. S. P. to Sir William Jennens,*[5] Gloucester, Downs.—The king doth not think fit to allow of his desires of taking men out of the merchant ships, they 'having had protections from him, and if any misfortune should arrive to any of them an unanswerable reproach would be thought to lie against any order that can be given, though with never so good intent, for the taking away any of their men.' He is to use what other means he can for completing his number without offering any violence, more than desiring the help of such of them as are manned above or up to their full number.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] Captain, afterwards Sir John, Wetwang was at this time commander of the Newcastle. For particulars of his career see *D. N. B.* lx. 388.

[3] Thomas Clarke: see note to No. 398.

[4] See note to No. 792.

[5] *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

1054. [p. 29.] 11 *Jan.* *S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[1]—Encloses an order of the lord treasurer for execution by the navy board. Desires his answer to the question started by Lord Anglesey[2] and demanded yesterday by the lords: What part of the moneys supplied to and paid away by the navy between 14 July last and 1 Jan. (amounting to 467,098*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*) hath been paid in satisfaction of any part of the debt of the navy accrued before the said 14 July?

1055. [p. 29.] 12 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Bridgeman*, Greenwich, at Erith.—Takes notice of his care in giving so exact an account of his proceedings in taking in his stores and provisions.

1056. [p. 29.] 12 *Jan.* *S. P. to Mr. Glover*, Margate.—As to the vessel he mentions which is chased into Margate by a French man-of-war, in case he has any good grounds to suspect that she belongs to the enemy, he is to give notice thereof to the commissioners for taking care of the admiralty rights.[3]

1057. [p. 30.] 12 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Lloyd*,[4] Roebuck, Nore.—Has received his of the 7th from Yarmouth Roads, and hopes this will meet him at the buoy of the Nore. Encloses orders to bring his ship to Sheerness to clean.

1058. [p. 30.] 12 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Harris*,[5] Constant Warwick, Downs.—He is to cause Mr. Howes, with his moneys, goods, and servants, to be put on board the Greyhound on her arrival in the Downs, who will have orders to transport them; he himself is to accompany Captain Rooth [1052, 1086].

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[1] Comptroller of the treasurer's accounts. *D. N. B.* vi. 469.

[2] The Earl of Anglesey, lord privy seal, was one of the admiralty commissioners (*supra*, vol. i. p. 311), and a former treasurer of the navy (*ib.* p. 12). *D. N. B.* ii. 1.

[3] See *supra*, vol. i. p. 38, note 5.

[4] Captain Charles Lloyd: Pepys's *Register* gives three other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 380).

[5] See note to No. 353.

1059. [p. 30.] 12 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Russell*,[1] Swallow, Downs.—To discharge one John Tarrant, a shipwright on board him who is sick and weakly, on his friends producing an able man to serve in his room.

1060. [p. 30.] 12 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Hears from Harwich that the victuals of the vessels that lie there for transporting soldiers to Dieppe begin to grow short. Desires them to order the victuallers to send directions to their agent at Ipswich to complete the proportions first appointed them.

1061. [p. 31.] 13 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Young*,[2] Plymouth, at Plymouth.—Would move his Majesty for his son to be one of his lieutenants, but in regard of the probability there is of his sailing away in a very little time, the change may prove inconvenient; and he had better proceed on this voyage with one lieutenant.

1062. [p. 31.] 13 *Jan. S. P. to Captain London*, Norwich, at Dublin.—Encloses duplicate of the orders sent him last month for returning to the Soundings, in case they should have miscarried. Presses him to hasten thither, and to send up an exact account how he has spent his time and by what order, since his convoying the vessel that was bound for Dublin with ammunition.

1063. [p. 31.] 13 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Thurston*, Essex ketch, at Harwich.—According to his desire the king will appoint another vessel to ply in the same station with him, for the better enabling him to deal with the enemy's privateers.

1064. [p. 31.] 13 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[3] at Harwich.—Thanks him for his account of the soldiers to be shipped from Harwich. Has given notice to the navy board of the vessels being in likelihood to want victuals [1060].

1065. [p. 32.] 13 *Jan. S. P. to Commissioner Deane*,[4] at Portsmouth.—Has heard from the commander of the Frog dogger at Portsmouth that she is near in a readiness to go to sea, but hath neither men nor guns. This is the first notice the writer has had from her commander of her, so he desires an account of her, and what service she may be fit for [1090].

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[1] See note to No. 758.

[2] See note to No. 1003.

[3] See note to No. 261.

[4] See note to No. 34.

1066. [p. 32.] 14 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Harris*,[1] Success.—Is glad of his success in taking the Dutch caper. He is to put his prisoners on shore, in regard there is no order for detaining prisoners.

1067. [p. 32.] 14 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Page*,[2] commander of the Portsmouth, at Erith.—Leave to come to town.

1068. [p. 32.] 14 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Watts*, Augustine, at the Nore.—Leave to come to town for two days. If upon discourse with the officers of the navy at his coming up they shall think fit to represent to the lords that an addition of men to his complement is necessary, they will give order therein.

1069. [p. 33.] 14 *Jan. S. P. to Colonel Strode*.[3]—Encloses orders for a supply of seamen unto Captain Rooth's fleet, who are at present in great want of them. The great charge of merchantmen he hath under his convoy and the force of the enemy's men-of-war on the coast of Spain renders it very necessary that he be well manned [1075].

1070. [p. 33.] 14 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth*,[4] Downs.—Has received his papers concerning Captain Preistman and Captain Skelton [1038], and also the answer of Captain Harris to the charge against him [? 1035]. The king approves his sending out the Speedwell and Nightingale to ply off the North Foreland, and the Reserve and Richmond to ply in the Narrow. Upon inquiry, finds the warrant for impresting men at Dover is not yet sent [1038], but will this evening send it to Colonel Strode [1069]. The king approves the person he recommends for a second lieutenant, and a commission for him is enclosed [1037].

1071. [p. 33.] 14 *Jan.* '7 at night.' *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*.[5]—To attend the king at Whitehall to-morrow at 4.

1072. [p. 34.] 14 *Jan.* [*S. P.*] *to Sir Jeremy Smyth*.[6]—To put him in mind of the Dutch colours which he undertook to provide for Sir John Narbrough's squadron now going out. There will need also at least 600 hammaccoes more.

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[1] See note to No. 353.

[2] See note to No. 932.

[3] Governor of Dover Castle.

[4] See note to No. 792.

[5] Commander of the Henrietta [1788], and commander-in-chief in the Downs [1793]. *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[6] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

1073. [p. 34.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Temple*, Adventure.—The Success is ordered to convoy the French ambassador's goods to Seine Head. Hopes it will be but a very small hindrance to his proceeding on his voyage to Bilbao.

1074. [p. 34.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Lucas*, Hawk fireship, in the Hope.—If he does not judge Thomas Smith fit to be master of his ship, he is to inform the navy board, that they may send him down another master in his room.

1075. [p 34.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Sir William Jennens*,[1] Gloucester, Downs.—As to his want of men, the Governor of Dover is ordered to imprest 200 able seamen in the parts thereabouts for Captain Rooth's fleet, who on application will doubtless let him have a share of them [1069].

1076. [p. 35.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks him for his advice concerning the Pearl, and for the help he has given of some soldiers unto Captain Binning for keeping his men on board. Hears from Exeter that the Mermaid and Morning Star are arrived in Torbay with their convoys from Morlaix.

1077. [p. 35.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Booth*,[3] Pearl, at Plymouth.—To clean and revictual for 3 months at Plymouth.

1078. [p. 35.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Holland*,[4] Tulip dogger, at Wells.—To revictual at Lynn or Newcastle.

1079. [p. 35.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Taylor*, Harwich.—Will move his Majesty for a convoy for the soldiers [1105]. Orders are given for supplying the vessels that carry them with more victuals [1060, 1064].

1080. [p. 36.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan prize, at Plymouth.—Is sorry any stop is like to happen to the despatch of his ship for want of money to pay the workmen employed in fitting her [1081, 1118]. If he desires any of his guns changed he is to speak to the agent of the officers of the ordnance at Plymouth. Is troubled that his boatswain proves so ill; he was recommended hither as a very fitting person.

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[1] *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] According to Pepys's *Register*, Captain Thomas Booth was appointed commander of the Pearl in 1673, and in the same year his namesake Captain William Booth was appointed commander of the Pearl fireship (*supra*, vol. i. p. 327). The reference in the text is to the former.

[4] Captain Robert Holland: Pepys's *Register* gives three other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 366).

1081. [p. 36.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Lanyon,*[1] at Plymouth.—Is sorry the despatch of the Swan is like to meet with delay for want of money, which he heartily wishes he could tell how to remedy [1080]. Victuals and guns for her have been ordered. Hopes the Morning Star will be sufficient for convoying to and fro the vessels trading to Wales for coals, until the Swan can be got ready.

1082. [p. 36.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Skelton.*[2]—Having acquainted the king with what he writes concerning his lieutenant and boatswain, he has appointed another boatswain to be sent down from hence; but if he does not arrive before he sails, Captain Rooth will appoint him one for the present voyage, to whom has also been sent a blank commission for another lieutenant to be appointed by him [1085].

1083. [p. 37.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Evelyn.*[3]—Has lately received a letter from one of the officers of the Duke of Albemarle's regiment from Dover, acquainting him that several of the soldiers of that regiment shipped on board the Marigold in the Downs were sick, so that they were put on shore, 'and that there being no order for providing for them, your agent at Dover has, at the instance of the officers, taken care for sending them up to convenient quarters.' Encloses the king's order for indemnifying the agent, as in the former case of the soldiers in the Blessing.

1084. [p. 37.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will take the pleasure of the lords whether the 4 ships they mention shall be paid off quite, or only unto Michaelmas 1672. Desires to know what is done concerning the 3 merchant ships to be taken up, and what return they have from Chester touching the vessels for transporting the soldiers thence to Ireland; and again asks for their opinion where the Princess should be brought to refit.

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[1] See No. 706 and note.

[2] Commander of the Speedwell [1085]. See also note to No. 44.

[3] See note to No. 227.

Will move his Majesty concerning the victuals for the soldiers. The master of the vessel bound to the Downs with stores for the Monck desires convoy. Thinks he may safely adventure over the Flats without, but if the board judge it not safe, in 2 or 3 days Sir John Narbrough will go to the Downs with some ships. Will acquaint the lords with what they write concerning the pay for the masters of the great ships. Captain Lanyon[1] writes from Plymouth that the victualler's agent there hath as yet received no orders for victualling the Swan prize.

1085. [p. 38.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[2]—Captain Skelton[3] acquaints the writer that his boatswain hath left the ship and is come away for London, and that his lieutenant hath desired his discharge. The king has sent down another boatswain and a blank commission for a lieutenant whom he is to select, as also a boatswain, if the one sent should not get on board the Speedwell before they sail [1082].

Postscript.—Is glad the difference concerning the pennants is ended without further trouble.

1086. [p. 38.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Harris,*[4] Constant Warwick.—To put Mr. Howes's money, goods, and servants on shore into the charge of Mr. St. Michel,[5] to continue there till the Hampshire calls for them to carry them over to Jersey [1058].

1087. [p. 38.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Clements,* Greyhound, Downs.—The soldiers bound for Dieppe now in the Downs are to be put on shore again in England, so his care for convoying them will be over. Captain Harris has orders to leave Mr. Howes's money and goods at Deal [1086].

1088. [p. 39.] 15 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Young,*[6] at Plymouth.—Thanks him for his list of the merchant ships going under his convoy. As to what he writes concerning the men in the ships that have no protections, 'there is no way to keep the men of the king's own ships from being tempted to merchantmen, or of knowing what number of men do belong to any merchantmen and which they are, without their having protections on which the names of all the men truly belonging to each ship are particularly specified, it being a very easy matter otherwise to prevent the manning of any of his Majesty's ships by the seamen pretending when they are impressed that they belong to this or that merchant ship, and therefore I do not see how the masters of the merchantmen can expect to have their men secured from pressing as often as his Majesty's ships shall want men unless their men shall be so protected.'

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[1] See No. 706 and note.

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] See note to No. 1082.

[4] See note to No. 353.

[5] See note to No. 699.

[6] See note to No. 1003.

1089. [p. 39.] 15 *Jan.* *S. P. to Major Darell*,[1] Sheerness.—Will move the lords concerning his desires for the pay of the Queenborough yacht. Wishes him the recovery of his health.

1090. [p. 39.] 17 *Jan.* [*S. P.*] *to Commissioner Deane.*[2] —To fit the Frog dogger to impress men for the ships at Portsmouth [1065]. Is glad the Lion and Warspite are so forward; commanders will be sent down to take care of them.

1091. [p. 40.] 17 *Jan.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*,[3] Hope.—Encloses orders for his sailing to the Downs; and for disposing of the Wivenhoe and Fortune flyboat, which he intends to leave behind him.

1092. [p. 40.] 17 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Lloyd*,[4] Roebuck, Hope.—Encloses orders for going to Sheerness to refit. Leave to come to town for 2 or 3 days when he has put his ship into a way of despatch.

1093. [p. 40.] 17 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, at Plymouth.—[*To the same effect as No.* 1051 *as to the salvage of two ships retaken by him.*]

1094. [p. 40.] 17 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Mason*,[5] Dover, Downs.—Captain Rooth is to send him before to Plymouth to take in the men left sick there, and to get the fleet out against he comes [1106].

1095. [p. 41.] 17 *Jan.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Advice and Sweepstakes do not touch at Leghorn or any other port in their way outward, but only in their return, so if they need victuals, credits must be sent with them to furnish them at Smyrna and Scanderoon. They shall receive his Majesty's orders concerning the addition of men they propound for the Eaglet ketch, as also touching the carving and gilding the new pleasure boat now building at Woolwich. Will lay before the lords the petition they send of the workmen at Chatham Yard. The Nonsuch at Plymouth hath but one suit of sails to trust to, which are now at the yard, the other being worn to rags, and is in great want of a couple of cables.

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[1] Governor of Sheerness.

[2] See note to No. 34.

[3] See note to No. 1071.

[4] See note to No. 1057.

[5] See note to No. 1046.

1096. [p. 41.] 17 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[1]—Is glad the Warwick is in so good a readiness to accompany him. The warrant to the Governor of Dover for men for him hath been sent 2 or 3 days since [1069]. The king approves his sending the Dover before him [1094]. The wind having blown here all day fresh easterly, presumes he is sailed out of the Downs.

1097. [p. 42.] 17 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Wright,*[2] Nonsuch, Plymouth.—Is sorry the badness of his bread forced him to quit his station, and that the Dartmouth came in with him, whom the writer could have wished he had left in the Soundings though he was necessitated to come in himself. He is to take in 2 months' victuals and then hasten out again to his station in the Soundings.

Postscript.—Has acquainted the commissioners of the navy with his want of sails and cables [1095].

1098. [p. 42]. 17 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Lloyd,*[3] Roebuck.—To discharge Gilbert Phillips, said to have been pressed by his master and boatswain in the latter end of November last out of the ship Elizabeth, of Stockton, notwithstanding his Majesty's protection for the ship's company, and to make answer to what is alleged.

1099. [p. 43]. 17 *Jan. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—The Dover and African arrived safe in the Downs two days since. The Nonsuch is to victual for 2 months and then hasten to the Soundings; desires despatch. The wind being now easterly, supposes Captain Rooth's fleet has ere this called at Plymouth and taken the ships there along with him. Encloses an order for the Mermaid or Hunter to go to Falmouth and convoy the tin ships bound for Havre de Grâce and London.

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[1] See note to No. 792.

[2] See note to No. 1002.

[3] See note to No. 1057.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

1100. [p. 43.] 19 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Royden*,[1] Dunkirk, Erith.—To send up his first lieutenant to make answer to a complaint from the commander of the Vulture sloop that he did lately abuse and beat him in the execution of his orders for pressing men for Sir John Narbrough.

1101. [p. 43.] 19 *Jan. S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[2]—Desires to know how many weeks' payment the navy office hath received of the 4,000*l.* a week by them last demanded, and undertaken by the lord treasurer to be made good to the end of this month.

1102. [p. 44.] 19 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. St. Michel.*[3]—Is sorry for the refractoriness of the two persons he names [who refuse the quartering of sick men]. Desires to know 'what obligations the king can be thought to have upon those men by which he should exact this service from them more than from any other of the town; whether there be not money at this day due to them for former disbursements in this service; and whether their refusal to proceed further in this service be grounded upon any other reason than the want of the money they have already disbursed' [1131].

1103. [p. 44.] 19 *Jan. S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[4]—To send the Hampshire her guns.

1104. [p. 44.] 19 *Jan. S. P. to Captain James.*[5]—As the unhappy loss of the Nightingale [1109] proves too true, the king has appointed the Hunter to go in her room. He will find her in the Downs as soon as she hath seen her convoys safe into the River.

1105. [p. 45.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Taylor.*[6]—A convoy is appointed for the soldiers to Dieppe [1116].

1106. [p. 45.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Young*,[7] Plymouth.—The Swan is to convoy the vessels that trade to Wales for coals. The Dover is arrived in the Downs with his convoy and is joined with Captain Rooth, who will send him before to Plymouth to get on board the men the commander left sick on shore there [1094].

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[1] Captain Charles Royden had been promoted from the Stavoreen to the Dunkirk, 27 Dec. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 400).

[2] See note to No. 1016.

[3] See note to No. 699.

[4] Master-general of the ordnance. *D.N.B.* x. 231.

[5] Commander of the Foresight [1134].

[6] See note to No. 261.

[7] See note to No. 1003.

1107. [p. 45.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to Commissioner Deane,*[1] Portsmouth.—Officers will be sent to the ships at Portsmouth. The Mermaid is very foul, having been 8 months off the ground, as also leaky. She is to be cleaned at Portsmouth and supplied with 3 months' victuals with all possible despatch.

1108. [p. 46.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Tapson,* Mermaid, Portsmouth.—If this finds him still at Portsmouth, he is to clean there [1107 *and* 1110].

1109. [p. 46.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Colt,* Hunter, Downs.—He is to accompany the Foresight and the other convoys to Bordeaux in the room of the Nightingale, lately lost upon the Goodwin,[2] for which he will receive his Majesty's orders from Captain James [1104]. If he wants victuals he is to complete to 3 months at Dover [1113].

1110. [p. 46.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to Colonel Piper,*[3] Plymouth.—The Hunter is come to the River's mouth with her convoys from Morlaix, and will be ordered to Bordeaux in the room of the Nightingale [1109]. The Mermaid was, by the violence of the weather, put to the eastward as far as Spithead. If the wind favour he will return to Plymouth, and in his way call at Dartmouth for the ships he mentions from Morlaix; but if it continue westerly he will stay and clean at Portsmouth [1150].

1111. [p. 47.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Clements,* Greyhound, Downs.—When he sails with the vessels to Rouen he is to convoy also such vessels bound for Dieppe as shall desire to go with him.

1112. [p. 47.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[4]—Is sorry for the ill news of the death of Captain Andrews,[5] and the loss of the Nightingale.[2] Has acquainted the king of his recommendation of several persons upon the occasion of this vacancy, but he hath been pleased to give the command of the Falcon to Captain Gardiner.[1]

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[1] See note to No. 34.

[2] The Nightingale was cast away on the Goodwin Sands in a storm, 16 Jan. 1673-4 (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 327).

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] See note to No. 792.

[5] See note to No. 265.

1113. [p. 47.] 20 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To order victuals for the Hunter at Dover [1109].

1114. [p. 48.] 21 *Jan. S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[2]—The captain of the Swan prize at Plymouth writes that the agent for the officers of the ordnance there refuses to furnish him with guns and gunner's stores, alleging that he hath no orders from above for doing thereof. Desires him to give directions according to his Majesty's orders sent him for supplying that ship, dated 5 Dec. last.

1115. [p. 48.] 21 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Page.*[3]—Encloses orders for him, together with the Augustine and Country's Welfare, to convoy the colliers now going to Newcastle [1127]. The Country's Welfare is now at Deptford, and hath directions to hasten down to him at the Hope and follow his orders; the Augustine is at the buoy of the Nore, and is also under his orders.

1116. [p. 48.] 21 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to take up a ship to cruise on the coast, to be commanded by Captain Breholt. Has sent orders to Sir John Narbrough to send one of the ships with him to Harwich to convoy the vessels with soldiers going from thence to Dieppe [1105].

1117. [p. 49.] 22 *Jan. A Form of Protection signed by Mr. Pepys for Swedes.*—'It is his Majesty's pleasure that the within-mentioned Israel Rolofson, certified by the Envoy Extraordinary of the King and Crown of Sweden to be a true Swedish subject, be not imprested into his Majesty's service upon any consideration whatsoever, and you are as well to forbear impresting the said Israel Rolofson as upon receipt hereof to discharge him in case he shall happen to have been imprested before. By his Majesty's command—S. P. To all whom it may concern' [1130].

Underwritten: 'The like for the several persons following': Michael Carlsson; Peter Erickson; Peter Peterson; Augustine

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[1] Pepys's *Register* gives three officers of this name, but spells the other two 'Gardner': they were all named Thomas (*supra*, vol. i. p. 353). The one referred to in the text had been commander of the Barnaby [346].

[2] See note to No. 1103.

[3] Commander of the Portsmouth [1067].

Olofson Perolofson; Hubert Anderson; Rolof Borgh; Nicholas Erickson; Jacob Borman; Jacob Johnson; Claus Erickson; Swen Rolofson; Berndt Cornelson.

1118. [p. 49.] 22 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, Plymouth.—Will move the lords with what he writes touching the fears he is under of getting his ship out, from 'the unwillingness of the tradesmen to trust his Majesty further.' Has written to Sir Thomas Chicheley some days since [1] about his guns. As his boatswain insists upon his own ability and refers himself to the certificate of Captain Legge [2] who recommended him, the writer desires an account wherein he finds him unfit.

1119. [p. 50.] 22 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Langley*,[3] Harwich.—Thanks him for his advice of the Dutch beginning to beat drums for raising of seamen. Is sensible of the good service he has done in bringing the poor seamen over and victualling them in their passage hither; will speak to Lord Arlington [4] of satisfying him the arrears due on that account [147].

1120. [p. 50.] 22 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Trevanion*, Dreadnought, Plymouth.—Hopes this will find him safely arrived with his convoys at Plymouth, where he is to be in a readiness to join with Captain Rooth and his fleet upon his arrival.

1121. [p. 50.] 22 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, at Plymouth.—Thanks him for his account of the 17th touching his chasing of two capers, and taking one of them with so little damage either to his ship or company. The prize will be surveyed at Plymouth; meanwhile he is to lose as little time as he can in refitting and getting out to sea.

1122. [p. 51.] 22 *Jan. S. P. to Commissioner Deane*.[5]—Thanks him for his account of the Nonsuch being arrived at Spithead, though sorry her defects are such as must call her into harbour, as she will be wanted in her station. The king having appointed Captain Ashby [6] for the Lion,

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[1] *I.e.* yesterday [1114].

[2] See note to No. 308.

[3] See note to No. 147.

[4] The Earl of Arlington was at this time one of the principal secretaries of state; he was also one of the admiralty commissioners (*supra*, vol. i. p. 38). *D. N. B.* iv. 230.

[5] See note to No. 34.

[6] MS. 'Aysby.' Captain John Ashby. Pepys's *Register* gives two

Captain Stout for the Warspite,[1] and Captain Fowler for the Rupert,[2] they shall be hastened down to their ships to look after their manning and despatch.

1123. [p. 51.] 22 *Jan.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[3]—Is informed by Captain Burton of the Hampshire that the guns shipped off from Chatham 8 days since was not yesterday arrived to her, and that it is generally thought that the hoy is lost, being an open vessel and great winds.

1124. [p. 51.] 22 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Lanyon,*[4] Plymouth.—Shall move the lords at their next meeting in order to the removing the stop on the Swan [1118]. Sir Thomas Chicheley having been written to [1114], the writer hopes the gunner's supplies are ere this delivered.

1125. [p. 52.] 22 *Jan.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—Hopes the Swan has received her guns [1114]. She is appointed convoy to the Welsh colliery, but the tradesmen are unwilling to supply her with stores without they may receive some of the arrears due to them for goods supplied to other ships refitted from thence [1118].

1126. [p. 52.] 22 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Page,* Portsmouth, Hope.—To make all despatch in getting his ship in a condition of sailing [1115]. As to his want of men, the officers of the navy will, on his lieutenant's application to them, accommodate him with a small vessel, if there be any in the River in his Majesty's pay unemployed, but they will not take up a vessel on purpose for the manning of his ship. Hopes that his endeavours below and his lieutenant's here will suffice.

1127. [p. 53.] 22 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Wetwang,*[6] Newcastle.—Thanks him for his account of his endeavours

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other officers of the same surname ; it also represents him as holding his command of the Lion by commission from Prince Rupert dated 1673, so the appointment referred to in the text is probably a confirmation (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 318-9).

[1] Pepys's *Register* gives the date of Captain Robert Stout's commission to the Warspite as 21 Jan. 1673-4 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 410), but apparently he had been commanding her already by a commission from Prince Rupert (*ib.* and No. 445, *supra*).

[2] Pepys's *Register* gives the date of Captain Thomas Fowler's commission from the king as 27 Dec. 1673, but he had been already commanding the Rupert by a commission from Prince Rupert (*supra*, vol. i. p. 352).

[3] See note to No. 1103.

[4] See note to No. 706.

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

[6] See note to No. 1050.

of bringing about the London colliers, though prevented by contrary winds. His Majesty being sensible that the ships with him are not sufficient for the securing of the colliery trade from the Dutch capers which do infest those parts, has appointed the 3 ships in the margin to find him out and follow his orders [1115]. Has acquainted his Majesty with what he writes touching the caper of 6 guns which he has had the good fortune to take, and he leaves her to be disposed of to his company pursuant to his proclamation ; he also approves his giving the master possession of the flyboat he retook.

Margin: Portsmouth, Augustine, Country's Welfare.

1128. [p. 53.] 22 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Ridley*, Woolwich sloop, Humber.—Has received his of the 19th giving an account of the caper forced into Grimsby Road by bad weather, which is now at Hull, not doubting but he has delivered her to the prize officers there. To lose no time in getting out to sea again to prevent the damage which the capers on the coast may do on his station.

1129. [p. 54.] 22 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Wright*,[1] Nonsuch, Portsmouth.—Has written to Commissioner Deane to give him all the despatch he can in refitting [1122].

1130. [p. 54.] 22 *Jan. Protections signed by S. P. for the several men undernamed* [1117].

Underwritten: Larsen Heselberg, Cornelis Olofson, Jonas Berndson, Hans Weidemann, Jonas Nicholson, John Johnson, Swen Ericson, Zacharias Daniesen, Knut Joranson, Rowland Rowlandson, Henrick Erickson.

1131. [p. 55.] 23 *Jan. S. P. to Esquire Evelyn.*[2]—Thought it expedient to satisfy himself whether the refractoriness of the persons he complains of might not arise 'either from the pressure of the arrears due to them for charges past, or apprehension (by the example of their neighbours) of the incertainty of their being better used for what is to come.' Finds from his brother[3] that this is the ground of that unwillingness with which the poor people at Deal 'do receive any new burdens by the putting upon them any fresh numbers of sick men from the fleet' [1102

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[1] See note to No. 1002.

[2] See note to No. 227.

[3] Mr. St. Michel: see No. 1102.

and 1132]. 'Which being so, and led thereto from the reason of the thing no less than from the captiousness of the times wherein we now are, I am of opinion that it is neither fit with regard to the honour of his Majesty's service nor the safety of any of us his servants, that anything like severity or threats should be used upon any of the persons complained of, without good advice and express order, either from his Majesty or those of his ministers who are better able both to advise and justify what shall be fit to be determined concerning them.' Desires him therefore to make a representation of the matter to the king or the lords of the council.

1132. [p. 56.] 23 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. St. Michel.*[1]—Is extremely afflicted at the trouble he is put to, though much more for that which is the ground of it—'the calamitous condition of the poor sick seamen, and the indigence of those by whom it is expected they should be entertained, and all through the want of money' [1102, 1131]. 'As it would at no time be thought reasonable, so neither at this time in particular would it be thought excusable, that those poor people who have already trusted beyond their strength should be urged to go on further in trusting, or that others who observe the evil effects of it to their neighbours should be pressed by any violence to the exposing themselves to the like inconveniences by giving entertainment to the persons you would put upon them without better security of their being reimbursed.' Will not do more than lay before the king and lords the contents of Mr. Evelyn's late letters [1131]. 'I do charge you by all the respect that you bear either yourself or me, that you endeavour above all things to preserve yourself from being transported (by anything that shall be offered to you of difficulty or abuse in this matter from others) to the doing or saying anything that shall appear like violence, making it rather your choice to suffer reproach than offer any ; and to get yourself discharged of your employment seasonably and decently, and thereby eased of the fears of any further inconveniences that may arise to you or your family from it, than continue to hold it upon terms dishonourable to the king, unsatisfactory to the poor seamen, injurious to your poor neighbours, and unsafe to yourself. This (brother) is the sum of what I shall say to you upon this subject, and which upon the foresight I long ago had of some such like consequences as these, led me (as you may well remember) to the advising you to the considering well what you were going about when you first sought for this employment; therefore, in a word, let me persuade you to make it your business to be as serviceable to the king and careful of yourself as you can while you are in it, and unless you can have any reasonable hopes given you from Mr. Evelyn that matters will go better with you hereafter as to payment, labour with as much decency, prudence, and speed as you can to get out of it; and so God bless you.'

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[1] See note to No. 699.

1133. [p. 54.[1]] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Colonel Slingesby.*[2]—To intimate his Majesty's resolution for his removal from his employments upon the report of the navy board touching his matter, who recommend Mr. Curtis, clerk of the control at Chatham, to succeed him. Encloses a copy of the report, that if upon an impartial recollection he finds himself furnished with any just matter of exception to it, he may petition the king or lords before the warrant to his successor (ordered this day to be prepared forthwith) be brought to him for execution.

1134. [p. 57.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain James*, Foresight, Downs.—The Hunter is at the buoy of the Nore, and shall hasten to him in the Downs, or follow him to Plymouth if he be sailed.

1135. [p. 57.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[3]—Has received his of the 22nd intimating his intention of sailing next morning, but finds by the list from the Downs that he was prevented by change of wind. The king approves his ordering the Dover to transport Lord Derby to Dieppe [1145].

1136. [p. 58.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[4] Harwich.—Hopes his next will give some better account of the laden fleet of colliers which lately came away from Newcastle.

1137. [p. 58.] 24 *Jan.* [*S. P.*] *to Captain Colt*, Hunter,

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[1] Out of order in the MS.

[2] See note to No. 502.

[3] See note to No. 792.

[4] See note to No. 261.

Nore.—He is appointed to go convoy to Bordeaux in the room of the Nightingale [1109].

1138. [p. 58.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—The king approves his sending the Morning Star to Dartmouth since the wind was contrary for her going to Wales, though the writer believes before she can get thither the Mermaid will have called for the two ships there. Has acquainted the master of the ordnance with the delay of the Swan's guns [1114].

1139. [p. 58.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Young.*[2]—Thanks for his account of the Dartmouth having taken a privateer of 14 guns.

1140. [p. 59.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Washbourne.*[3]—Is sorry for the loss of his boatswain and the 11 men. Daniel Garrett, whom he recommends, is appointed to succeed him.

1141. [p. 59.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Wright,*[4] Nonsuch, Portsmouth.—Has acquainted the navy board with the desire of his men that they may receive some of their pay [1143].

1142. [p. 59.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Captain Herbert.*[5]—To discharge James Bradshaw and Oliver Collinwood, pressed from the Orangetree of Barking, Thomas Dursdill, master, on 17 Dec. last, in Lee Road, in spite of a protection from the lords of the admiralty, and to send his lieutenant up to attend the lords and answer to the charge of violating it.

1143. [p. 60.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The commander of the Nonsuch, lately put into Spithead, writes that his men, having 26 months' pay due to them, desire to be paid to the time that the other ships are paid that are now going out. She is ordered to hasten back again to her station in the Soundings, so despatch is necessary if her men are to have any pay.

1144. [p. 60.] 24 *Jan.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[6]—Mr. Chapman, the master of a small vessel called the

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 1003.

[3] Commander of the Stavoreen [1026].

[4] See note to No. 1002.

[5] Commander of the Cambridge [1235]. He was afterwards Earl of Torrington (*D. N. B.* xxvi. 169).

[6] See note to No. 1071.

John's Adventure, complains that the captain of the Wivenhoe fireship pressed one John Lynwood out of him on the pretence that the said vessel was mentioned in his Majesty's protection as a ship instead of a ketch. Desires him to inquire into the matter, and to discharge the man if it is as alleged.

1145. [p. 61.] 24 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[1]—Desires his taking care of the enclosed letters to Lord Middleton[2] and Mr. Luke at Tangier. Has just come to understand that the Dover 'after being half seas over, is put back to Dover, and hath there put on shore my Lord of Derby sick [1135], intending with all speed to pursue his former orders towards Plymouth.' Is much importuned by some persons of quality at court to obtain employment for one Captain Clinton [1156], a gentleman of an honourable family, kinsman to Captain Killigrew,[3] and a reformado[4] at this time with him in the Monck. Has written to Captain Killigrew for a character of him, who reports him fit for a sea officer, having been with him a year at sea and in three engagements, where he behaved himself 'like a gentleman and an understanding man'—a character which wants downright diligence, sobriety, and seamanship. Entreats him therefore to inform himself of his qualifications, and report to the writer; 'for as no man living can be more inclined than myself to favour a gentleman that is a true seaman, so neither is there any man more sensible than (after many years' observation) I am, of the ruinous consequences of an over-hasty admitting persons to the office and charge of seamen upon the bare consideration of their being gentlemen.'

1146. [p. 62.[5]] Whitehall. 24 *Jan. Reference on the petition of Robert Southwell, of Kinsale, Esquire,*[6] praying payment of 463*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* disbursed by him for supplying the Norwich frigate with 3 months' victuals and 160 men. Referred to the navy board to consider and report to his Majesty.

1147. [p. 62.] 25 *Jan. S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[7]—

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[1] See note to No. 792.

[2] Governor of Tangier. *D. N. B.* xxxvii. 352.

[3] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[4] See note to No. 8.

[5] Out of order in the MS.

[6] *D. N. B.* liii. 300.

[7] See note to No. 1016.

Desires to know what sum of money he ought to have by this day received by the distribution of 20 Nov. mentioned in the board's letter to the lords of 22 Dec., and what thereof he has at this day actually received. This done, the writer is 'ripe in every respect to report the said state of the navy as it ought to be.'

1148. [p. 62.] [25 *Jan.*] *S. P. to Captain Stanesby.*—To discharge Samuel Baldwin from the Happy Return, who was formerly employed by Mr. Bridges, his Majesty's purveyor of oysters, and is to be employed by him again (on his recovery from an illness which has hindered his attendance on board) 'for picking of oysters for his Majesty's particular use.'

1149. [p. 63.] 26 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[1]—Upon application from Sir George Waterman and other London merchants, setting forth that the Charles, John Jenkins master, of about 200 tons and 14 guns, taken by the Dutch in December last and carried into Bilbao, is daily expected through the Channel in her way towards Holland, and whereas these gentlemen in behalf of themselves and the Company trading to the Summer Islands, report her to be of such value as that the customs will be above 4,000*l.*, he is instructed to intercept her.

1150. [p. 63.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—The Hunter is appointed one of the convoys to Bordeaux in the room of the Nightingale, lately lost [1109], and the Mermaid is now cleaning at Portsmouth [1110], so the Pearl is appointed to convoy the ships to London and Rouen.

1151. [p. 64.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Ridley*, Woolwich sloop, Hull.—Cannot give him any certain directions as to his disposal of the small caper which he seized on in Humber [1128], for she may belong to the lord high admiral, as all enemy's ships driven into port do.[3] If not, she will be at his disposal, according to the proclamation, for the benefit of himself and company.

1152. [p. 64.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—The king does not seem to give credit to the intelligence he writes Captain Robinson[1] had from a Hamburger, at least as to the joining of the Spanish and Dutch privateers. And surely if so great a number of them lie off Beachy, the York, Adventure, and others that came from the Downs must have heard of them. Has acquainted the board with the desire of the Nonsuch's men for some of their pay, but knows not whether the treasury of the navy be at present in a condition to help them with any.

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[1] See note to No. 792.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See *supra*, vol. i. p. 19, note 3.

[4] See note to No. 34.

1153. [p. 65.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Langley*,[2] Harwich.—Will procure him his Majesty's protection for the oyster vessel, and a warrant to the navy office for reimbursing him his expenses in his late journey [? 1007].

1154. [p. 65.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Booth*,[3] Pearl, Plymouth.—The navy board will take all the care they can to supply him with cables, though it will be very difficult to get them at Plymouth. It were to be wished he could make shift till he comes to the eastward, when he can be supplied either from Portsmouth or the River.

1155. [p. 65.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Wivell*, Dover.—Thanks him for his intelligence of the Dutch ships supposed to be gone away to the westward.

1156. [p. 66.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth*,[4] Downs.—The governor at Dover has received the warrant for pressing men several days since, but upon 'some late dissatisfaction which the Parliament hath expressed touching our method of pressing of men,'[5] he declares to the writer 'that he will not proceed at all to the execution of the warrant till the business be settled in Parliament, as being unwilling to expose himself to any censure for his acting therein, which caution (to tell you the truth) prevails now with others as well as him, so that I must advise you and the commanders with you to take the best care you can in keeping and well using the men you have, for I dare not undertake in what time the business will be so settled as to leave it safe for us to go on with the pressing of men.' The Adventure and York are got to Spithead, and the Dreadnought and Well dogger to Plymouth. Perceives he has answered his of the 24th [1145] before he received it by making Mr. Clinton lieutenant of the Speedwell.

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[1] Probably Captain John Robinson, commander of the Hopeful Margaret dogger (*supra*, vol. i. p. 398).

[2] See note to No. 147.

[3] See note to No. 1077.

[4] See note to No. 792.

[5] On 21 Jan. 1673–4, a petition of 'several masters of ships . . . inhabiting in and about the City of London . . . using the Newcastle trade' was referred to a committee empowered 'to inspect the laws which relate to the impressing of men for the sea service,' and hear complaints of abuses (*Commons' Journals*, ix. 297). This committee does not appear to have reported.

1157. [p. 66.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Lhostein,*[1] Antelope, at Sheerness.—The king is satisfied with his sending his late pilot (Walmesby) on board Sir John Narbrough according to his direction.

1158. [p. 67.] 27 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will acquaint his Majesty of the readiness of the vessels at Chester to take in the soldiers for Ireland. Sir John Narbrough is ordered to send one of his ships to Harwich to convoy the vessels with soldiers to Dieppe. His Majesty approves of their employing the Fortune flyboat for carrying the masts, anchors, and other stores for the ships fitting from Portsmouth. Will acquaint them with the king's pleasure concerning the disposal of the vessels in the Downs from which the soldiers were landed, and will also inform him of the irregularity of the orders sent them from the Master of Requests upon Watkins's petition. As to the boatswain of the Swan, has written to Captain Binning [1118]. The Pearl, now cleaning at Plymouth, needs a small and best bower cable [1154]. The captain of the Dunkirk desires a vessel to carry his pressed men, in which the board are to help him if there be any small vessel in the River at leisure for that work.

Postscript.—Since writing, understands from Sir John Narbrough that he has ordered the Crown to Harwich to convoy the soldiers to Dieppe.

1159. [p. 68.] 28 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Page*, Portsmouth.[2]—To discharge Richard Thackson and Ralph Marshall, pressed yesterday by his lieutenant, Mr. George,[3] out of a collier called the Young Man's Adventure, Thomas Hill, master; and to send the lieutenant up to answer for violating the protection.

1160. [p. 68.] 28 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Stanesby*, Happy Return, Long Reach.[4]—He is to secure his yeoman and the boy, who had like to have fired the ship. He is to inform the navy board of his want of part of his boatswain's stores which are not to be had at Woolwich or Deptford.

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[1] See note to No. 143.

[2] *I.e.* commander of the Portsmouth [1126].

[3] John George. A 'Reignalds George' was at this time lieutenant of the Hampshire (*supra*, vol. i. p. 354).

[4] See note to No. 1805.

1161. [p. 68.] 28 *Jan. S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[1] —Has directed the captain of the Yarmouth, now at Woolwich, to apply to him to exchange 4 demi-culverin cutts, of about 20 cwt. apiece on her quarter-deck, for 6 saker cutts, in regard they are of too great a weight.

1162. [p. 69.] 28 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Lassells,*[2] Yarmouth, Woolwich.—To apply to the master of the ordnance about exchanging his guns [1161].

1163. [p. 69.] 28 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Walsh.*—The bearer, John Mayborne, having lost one of his arms in the service,[3] and being desirous again to serve in the Jersey under his command, he is to be entered on board for the present voyage.

1164. [p. 69.] 29 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. Mayne,* Exeter.[4]—The Mermaid, now a-cleaning at Portsmouth, is appointed convoy for St. Malo [969]; desires that the merchant ships may be in a readiness to sail against she arrives.

1165. [p. 69.] 29 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Bridgeman,* Greenwich, Downs.—Thanks him for his account of his proceedings.

1166. [p. 70.] 29 *Jan. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will acquaint the king and lords with what is proposed by Sir Thomas Clutterbuck concerning the buying of slaves for and victualling his Majesty's galleys at Leghorn.[5] The ships in the Channel are ordered carefully to look out for Sir George Waterman's ship [1149]. The king approves the person propounded by them as boatswain for the hulk at Woolwich; desires them to suggest another able man for that at Chatham [1200], the office of boatswain of a hulk deserving as much care to be used in the choice of a person to manage it as the best of the king's ships. Hopes they will, as they find men deserving encouragement, recommend them hither, the writer having 'met with too much reason to fear that the want of some such recommendations hath hindered the modest men, who keep strictly to their duty on board, from the preferment due to them, whilst others more solicitous in the getting of certificates and less scrupulous of spending their time on shore, have carried it away from them.'

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[1] See note to No. 1103.

[2] This signature appears in the Navy Board Papers in the Public Record Office variously as 'Lasshells,' 'Lashills,' and 'Lassles,' but these are apparently written by clerks. Where Ralph Lassells's own signature occurs it is so curious as to suggest that he must have been crippled, either by gout or by the loss of his hand; but it resembles the form adopted in the text, which is also the spelling of Pepys's *Register* (*supra*, vol. i. p. 376). Masters of merchantmen (for a different reason) very often allowed the clerk who wrote their letters to sign them; when they themselves signed the signature is often indecipherable.

[3] See note to No. 1367.

[4] MS. 'Exon̄.'

[5] Sir Thomas Clutterbuck had formerly been consul at Leghorn. He appears to have claimed the superintendence of the galleys at Leghorn and Genoa (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1672–3, p. 124), and to have quarrelled with Sir John Baptiste Duteil (see note to No. 1023, *supra*) about them (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1672, pp. 392–7), and there were frequent

Will move the king for appointing officers to the Arms of Terver and the Europa [1200]. Sir John Narbrough is ordered to send one of his ships to Rye to convoy the Greenwich pink, as also the other vessels going from Portsmouth with soldiers to Dieppe [? 1187]. Has spoken with the Duke of Monmouth to hasten the soldiers to Chester, and hopes the vessels will not lie long in demurrage in expectation of them. Will remind his Majesty concerning the entering men on the great ships at Chatham, and the disposal of the vessels in the Downs from which the soldiers were landed.

1167. [p. 71.] 29 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Temple*, Adventure, Portsmouth.—Is sorry he is likely to be delayed by the Success's want of provisions and stores. Has written to Commissioner Deane to cause her to be supplied as soon as possible [1169]. He is to send up an account of his purser's business to the navy board, that they may examine him.

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complaints against him (*ib.* 1672–3, pp. 81, 134, 283, 295, 298). In June 1673 the Duke of York had recommended that Ephraim Skinner should be employed at Leghorn in the room of Sir Thomas Clutterbuck for fitting out the galleys (*ib.* 1673, p. 336), but see Nos. 1357 and 1629, *infra*. Clutterbuck afterwards became victualler for the Mediterranean, from 31 Dec. 1674 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 165). Some of his letters from Leghorn are signed for him by Charles 'Clotterbook,' the variation in spelling being intentional. For another illustration of this practice see Hollond, *Discourses of the Navy*, p. lxxi, note 1 (*N. R. S.* vol. vii.).

1168. [p. 72.] *29 Jan. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Has written to Portsmouth to hasten away the Mermaid and Nonsuch to the Soundings. Desires him to cause all possible despatch to be made with the Dartmouth, and that she also be hastened to that station. Encloses the orders for the Pearl mentioned in his last [1150].

1169. [p. 72.] *29 Jan. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2]—The king approves his care in the speedy supplying the Adventure with victuals; she and the Success to be supplied with what they want and hastened away. If Captain Temple's purser is discharged [1167], will move his Majesty on behalf of the person he mentions to succeed him. Can give no positive answer to what he writes about the manning of the great ships with him. The writer's election in Parliament remains yet undetermined by reason of public business coming into the House so fast as to prevent its being at leisure to judge of private.[3]

1170. [p. 73.] *29 Jan. S. P. to Captain Preistman,* Richmond.—To discharge William Anderson, employed at Deal for collecting the duties for the lighthouse, if in the king's protection, and return an account which of his officers it was that violated it.

1171. [p. 73.] *29 Jan. S. P. to Captain Clarke,*[4] York, Portsmouth.—Leave to come to town.

1172. [p. 73.] *31 Jan. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2]—Encloses a copy of the king's warrant of this date to the officers of the navy in general, and the original of another to himself. Desires him to send the enclosed [1173] to Captain Rooth.

1173. [p. 74.] *31 Jan. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[5] Portsmouth.—Thanks him for his of the 29th giving an account of his arrival with his fleet at Portsmouth. He is to use all possible despatch in getting out again.

1174. [p. 74.] *31 Jan. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[6]

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 34.

[3] Pepys had been elected for Castle Rising 4 Nov. 1673, but his opponent petitioned against the return. On 6 Feb. 1673-4, the committee of elections and privileges reported that Mr. Pepys was not duly elected for Castle Rising (*Commons' Journals*, ix. 304); but as the House did not come to a vote he retained his seat (*D. N. B.* xliv. 363).

[4] See note to No. 398.

[5] See note to No. 792.

[6] See note to No. 1071.

Downs.—Thanks him for his notice of the departure of Captain Rooth, and of the other ships seen on the back of the Goodwin. Encloses orders for sending the Jason into Portsmouth.

1175. [p. 75.] 31 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, Plymouth.—Acknowledges the paper concerning his boatswain [1118]. Encloses orders for him to be convoy to the Welsh colliers.

1176. [p. 75.] 31 *Jan. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—The Mermaid when ready is to convoy some ships from Weymouth and Topsham bound to St. Malo. The writer's last [1168] carried him orders for the Pearl to convoy the ships bound for London and Havre de Grâce.

1177. [p. 75.] 31 *Jan. S. P. to Mr. George Pley, senr.*,[2] at Weymouth.—Has moved his Majesty in what he desires for a convoy to St. Malo, who has appointed the Mermaid. Hopes she will suddenly be in Portland Road, where the merchant ships should be ready.

1178. [p. 76.] 31 *Jan. S. P. to Captain Young.*[3]—Captain Rooth's fleet sailed on Tuesday last, but by contrary winds were forced to put into Spithead, where they lie ready for a fair wind [1208].

1179. [p. 76.] 2 *Feb. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4]—The king and lords are well satisfied with the care he is taking for the fitting forth again to sea the fleet under Captain Rooth [1178], whose letter gives expectation of his sailing this day. The enclosed [1180] is therefore directed open, for him to consider whether to send it after him by the Nonsuch or return it hither for other conveyance. Will not fail to move his Majesty touching the town of Harwich's desire of having the ship he is building there called by the place's name [1198].

1180. [p. 77.] 2 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[5]—Encloses orders for him to take the Nonsuch in room of the Gloucester, which is unfit by her leakiness [1181]. Also a commission to Captain Tosier to command the Stavoreen[6] in the room of Captain Washbourne, lately deceased, and a blank commission for a lieutenant for her, which he[1] is to fill up at his discretion.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 578.

[3] See note to No. 1003.

[4] See note to No. 34.

[5] See note to No. 792.

[6] John Tosier had hitherto been lieutenant of the Stavoreen [1043].

1181. [p. 77.] 3 *Feb. S. P. to Sir William Jennens,*[2] Portsmouth.—The king and lords were dissatisfied at their meeting last night with the disappointment the service meets with by the defects of his ship, and have resolved to make good inquiry into the grounds of it. The Nonsuch is to go in his room, and his ship is to stay at Portsmouth to be surveyed and repaired [1180].

1182. [p. 78.] 3 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[3] at Plymouth [1185].—'It is with great affliction that I read what you observe concerning the universal loss of discipline amongst the seamen of England, to the degree of their making no difference between his Majesty's service, where the want of payment of their wages may in some measure give excuse for it, and that of the merchants, where they not only have their pay certain but their wages excessive. A vice which I pray God grant I may see rectified before it prove too fatal, not only to his Majesty's service, but the whole navigation of our country.'

1183. [p. 78.] 3 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Binning,* Swan, at Plymouth.—Is sorry he meets with any stop in the getting out of his ship. Another boatswain is appointed for him, who shall be hastened down. The king refuses him an addition to his guns, expecting service as much from the good sailing of his frigate as the greatness of her force.

1184. [p. 78.] 3 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Colt,* Hunter, Plymouth.—Has received his of yesterday from the Downs, and encloses orders for his further proceeding in case the Bordeaux fleet should be sailed before he gets to Plymouth. His former carpenter promised to hasten down to him, being now recovered of his sickness; if he does not attend, will move the king concerning the person he recommends.

1185. [p. 79.] 3 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Thanks him for his account of the ships in his port. On the arrival of Captain Rooth's fleet [1178, 1179], to send him the enclosed letter [1182], as also the other to the

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[1] Captain Rooth.

[2] Commander of the Gloucester [1075]. *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

[3] See note to No. 792.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

Hunter [1184], who will call at his port for orders. The captain of the Norwich writes from Falmouth that he is returned from the coast of Ireland into the station in the Soundings; desires that the enclosed [1186] may be conveyed to him.

1186. [p. 79.] 3 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain London,* Norwich, Plymouth.—One William Fox is appointed his gunner in the room of the former gunner lately deceased. He is to be diligent in his station for the security of trade and clearing the coast from the privateers.

1187. [p. 79.] 3 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Killigrew,*[1] Monck, Downs.—To prosecute his orders from Sir John Narbrough for convoying the vessels to Dieppe [? 1166]. Believes his ship will be ordered in afterwards to be cleaned, as he desires.

1188. [p. 80.] 3 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Stepney*, Drake, Hull.—To continue in Humber with his convoys till Captain Wetwang[2] joins him.

1189. [p. 80.] 3 *Feb.* *S. P. to the Mayor of Boston.*—At the desire of some persons of his town, the William dogger is ordered to convoy two Swedish vessels and a Hamburger now at Yarmouth, bound for his port [1242].

1190. [p. 80.] 4 *Feb.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[3]—The lords have appointed the hearing of the business concerning the vessel of Rye lately miscarried under the convoy of the Constant Warwick to be on Saturday morning next, at Derby House [1022, 1025].

1191. [p. 81.] 4 *Feb.*, '12 at night.' *S. P. to Captain Rooth*, at Portsmouth[4] ('sent by an express about one of the clock').—Such is the importance which his Majesty esteems his speedy proceeding on his voyage to be of to his service, and more particularly for his garrison of Tangier [1192], that he is not to lose a moment's time in setting forth again.

1192. [p. 81.] 5 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Young,*[5] Plymouth.—To be ready to sail when Captain Rooth calls for him, it being of great moment that not one minute's time be lost, as the garrison of Tangier may be in some distress for want of victuals.

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[1] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[2] See note to No. 1050.

[3] See note to No. 1103.

[4] See Nos. 1178, 1179, 1185.

[5] See note to No. 1003.

1193. [p. 81.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[1] Harwich.—Thanks him for his advices.

1194. [p. 82.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Thurston*, Essex ketch, at Harwich.—Has received his account of his being driven into Harwich by distress of weather. To lose as little time as he can in getting out again.

1195. [p. 82.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Walsh*,[2] Jersey.—Has a month's leave to go into the country.

1196. [p. 82.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper*.[3]—Hopes ere this the cables for the Pearl are despatched [1154, 1158], to enable her to carry out her orders to bring about such ships as are bound to the Downs. Is glad the Swan is in so great a readiness [1175].

1197. [p. 82.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Booth*,[4] Pearl, at Plymouth.—To lose no time in getting his provisions and cables on board, and then to carry out the orders sent him through Colonel Piper [1196]. Has acquainted the king with his desire of being sent out in the Soundings a-cruising, but this service appearing necessary to be done, and there being no other ships unemployed, he could not be excused from it.

1198. [p. 83.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to Commissioner Deane*.[5]—To use all possible earnestness to despatch Captain Rooth's fleet [1191]; and to hasten the Mermaid, the merchants concerned in her convoy being very earnest with his Majesty. The request of the town of Harwich [1179] is granted by the king, who desires to know when the ship will be launched. Hopes the news in his last does not hold of the enemy's being without the Isle of Wight with 20 sail of men-of-war.

1199. [p. 83.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Killigrew*.[6]—The king (at the desire of Mr. Fanshawe) gives his lieutenant Gregory leave to come up to town [1274].

1200. [p. 84.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board*.—Isaac Bradley, boatswain of the York, is appointed boatswain of the hulk at Chatham [1166]. Hopes they will from time to time recommend officers that deserve encouragement. Does not forget the moving his Majesty for supplying the Arms of Terver with officers, and will again move the lords at their next meeting touching what they desire concerning the Europa. They will receive directions this morning as to the slaves to be bought at Leghorn [1166], the vessels at Chester taken up to transport soldiers, and the ships in the Downs attending upon that service.

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[1] See note to No. 261.

[2] Captain Lucas Walsh had been appointed to command the Jersey in 1672 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 419).

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] See note to No. 1077.

[5] See note to No. 34.

[6] Commander of the Monck [1187]. *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

1201. [p. 84.] 5 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Watson*, Buck dogger.—To deliver the clothes and other necessaries of Mr. Joy, late commander of the Buck dogger,[1] or to give account in writing for the lords of the occasion of his detaining them.

1202. [p. 84.] 7 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The ships named in the margin being nearly or quite ready for sea, and expecting some of their pay before they sail, equal with the other ships that lately went out, the writer desires to know in what condition the board is as to money.

Margin: Antelope, Resolution, Happy Return, St. David, Roebuck, Holmes, Yarmouth.

1203. [p. 85.] 7 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[2]—To lose no time in getting out [1191, 1198]. Desires him to send up the name of the person chosen by him to be lieutenant to Captain Tosier in the Stavoreen [1180], that he may inform his Majesty and have his approbation.

1204. [p. 85.] 7 *Feb. S. P. to Mr. Herne.*[3]—Thanks him for his account of Captain Harman's[4] breach of the establishment in council for limiting the freight of moneys to one per cent.[1] Will do his part towards punishing it, but desires to know whether the said establishment were shown Captain Harman at the time of his demanding this excessive freight [1272].

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[1] John Joy had been appointed commander of the Buck dogger in 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 372). He was succeeded by Captain William Watson, who had been in command of the Chatham sloop [287]. Both Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 432, and Pepys's *Register*, vol. i. p. 421, *supra*, reverse the order of the commands, and place Watson's command of the Buck dogger earlier than that of the Chatham sloop. It is probable that the date of his commission for the Buck dogger, which is given by both Charnock and Pepys as '5 Jan. 1673,' should be read '5 Jan. 1673–4.'

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] See note to No 1879.

[4] Captain William Harman, commander of the Bristol. See note to No. 482.

1205. [p. 86.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Captain Wetwang*,[2] Newcastle.—Is sorry the bad weather has detained him so long at Leith. The ships at Humber bound for London expect him with great impatience [1188]. Is sorry his sails are so bad, but the officers of the navy have sent him a mainsail and a best bower cable.

1206. [p. 86.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, Plymouth.—Is sorry for his want of men; advises him to make the best use he can of his press warrant. His attendance on the Welsh colliery is not to hinder him from cruising abroad upon the coast while the wind is out of the way or the colliers are not ready.

1207. [p. 87.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Captain Ashby*,[3] Lion, Portsmouth.—His Majesty, upon some considerations now before him, hath thought fit to order the respiting of entering any more men on his and the other ships at Portsmouth; and upon that occasion it is also that his lieutenants are not yet appointed.

1208. [p. 87.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper*.[4]—Captain Rooth's fleet has been forced to stay longer at Portsmouth than was expected by reason of the wind, which, though fair, did so overblow that they durst not put out of the harbour [1178]. Thinks they sailed from thence yesterday.

1209. [p. 87.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Sir Charles Lyttelton*,[5] at Rochester.—Encloses orders for Captain Roome Coyle[6] to receive on board and victual the two companies of soldiers he desires. Has also procured orders to the Governor of Sheerness to apply the boat that attends on that place to the carrying to and again the soldiers from the shore to the [French] Ruby for relieving the guard; and that the commissioner at Chatham appoint some other vessel in her room when she shall be otherwise necessarily employed in the service of the garrison.

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[1] See note to No. 95.

[2] See note to No. 1050.

[3] See note to No. 1122.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] See *D. N. B.* xxxiv. 367. In July 1665, Lyttelton had been appointed lieutenant-colonel in the lord admiral's regiment—the precursor of the marines.

[6] See note to No. 579.

1210. [p. 88.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Captain Killigrew,*[1] Monck, Downs.—To send word why he has not sailed according to Sir John Narbrough's orders for going to Rye and Portsmouth [1166, 1187].

1211. [p. 88.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Captain Burton,*[2] Hampshire, Downs.—To send word why he hath not followed his orders for going to Jersey and Guernsey.

1212. [p. 88.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Mr. Lewis.*[3]—The motion made to the king and lords at their last meeting was from information from the navy office and sundry other hands that he did wholly apply himself to the business of the victualling, and commit too great a part of the business of the ticket office to clerks. The matter is referred to the officers of the navy, to whom he should apply. If they report that the business may be performed under his relation to the victualling office with the full benefit expected from his service by his Majesty therein, neither the king or lords will give him any trouble about it [1379].

1213. [p. 89.] *7 Feb. S. P. to Captain Roome Coyle,*[4] French Ruby.—To receive and victual the two companies of soldiers [1230]. Is glad to hear his ship may be fitted at Sheerness when the king hath occasion for her, which will save much time and charge in carrying her up to Chatham.

1214. [p. 90.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Page,* Portsmouth, Nore.—Upon complaint this day made to his Majesty from a committee of Parliament, signified by the chairman, Colonel Birch,[5] that his lieutenant, Mr. George,[6] hath been guilty of some great irregularity in the impresting and wounding of a man to the endangering of his life, it is the king's pleasure that he send the lieutenant up forthwith to answer for the same.

1215. [p. 90.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Temple,* Adventure, Falmouth.—Has received his of the 7th from Plymouth, and is sorry to find that he has lost the company of the

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[1] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[2] See note to No. 846.

[3] See note to No. 655.

[4] See note to No. 579.

[5] *D. N. B.* v. 62.

[6] See note to No. 1159.

Success, and one of his convoys. Desires to know what orders he gave Captain Harris [1] [1289].

1216. [p. 90.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Sir William Jennens*,[2] Portsmouth.—Is sorry for his indisposition. Further orders will be sent when his ship is surveyed.

1217. [p. 91.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Killigrew*,[3] Monck, at Portsmouth.—Has received his of the 6th from the Downs reporting the great leakiness of his ship. Commissioner Deane [4] is to cause a survey to be taken of her.

1218. [p. 91.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Fowler*, Rupert, at Portsmouth.—The king has ordered the respiting the entering of any more men at Portsmouth, so it will be needless that any vessel be appointed to press men for him.

1219. [p. 91.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Colt*, Hunter, at Plymouth.—Has received his of the 7th from the Downs. As to what he writes concerning the preparations making here for the retaking of New York, his Majesty did intend to have sent some ships that way, but a peace with the Dutch being now near concluding, the writer presumes that design will be over.

1220. [p. 91.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Hamilton*, Mary Rose, at Portsmouth.—Is glad of his safe arrival at Spithead. He is to despatch the refitting of his ship.

1221. [p. 92.[5]] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper*.[6]—Is sorry the Adventure and Success have lost company [1215].

1222. [p. 92.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[7] Harwich.—Is glad to hear that the vessels with the soldiers are at last gone.

1223. [p. 92.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Lieutenant Feilding*,[8] at Portsmouth.—Will move his Majesty on his behalf.

1224. [p. 92.] 10 *Feb. S. P. to Commissioner Deane*.[4]—The king is well pleased to hear that Captain Rooth's fleet is at length despatched and gone [1208]; and desires him to hasten the Mary Rose and Mermaid (supposing the Nonsuch to be already sailed). Has acquainted the king with the time he writes the ship at Harwich will be ready to launch [1198], and shall write to the officers of the navy to send the anchors and cables for her [1225]. The captain of the Monck writes that his ship is very leaky, both in her bows and on her starboard side. Desires him to survey her defects on her arrival at Spithead.

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[1] Commander of the Success. See note to No. 353.

[2] See note to No. 1027.

[3] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[4] See note to No. 34.

[5] Between pp. 91 and 92 two cancelled pages are wafered together.

[6] Governor of Plymouth.

[7] See note to No. 261.

[8] George Feilding was at this time lieutenant of the Adventure (*supra*, vol. i. p. 349).

1225. [p. 93.] 10 *Feb.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Hamilton of the Mary Rose at Spithead writes that, being at anchor off the North Foreland on Thursday in a violent storm, he was forced to cut and leave two anchors behind him, but supposes they may be recovered, having left good buoy and buoy-ropes to them. The new ship at Harwich will be ready to launch by the 26th [1224, 1264]; desires them to hasten down the anchors and cables for her.

1226. [p. 93.] 10 *Feb.* *The same to the same.*—The writer is to advertise them from Mr. Secretary Coventry[1] that there is one Cusack, an Irishman, now said to be lurking somewhere about his Majesty's navy, after whom great inquiry is made for several villainous facts by him committed in Ireland. Other description of him Mr. Secretary cannot give than that he is a tall proper man; the surest character of knowing him being his name, and the report he hath for his manifold villainies wheresoever he is known. If they meet with him, to report it.

1227. [p. 94.] 11 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Herbert.*[2]—At the desire of his Royal Highness he is appointed to seize a ship of the enemy's bound to the West Indies, said to be put by distress of weather into some port of Shetland. The treaty of peace being concluded with condition that hostilities shall cease here at home within 12 days after its publication, which may be expected within 8 days from now, it is of moment that no time be wasted [1233].

1228. [p. 96.] 11 *Feb.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane,*[3] Portsmouth.—Attending his Majesty this night at the council board, he was pleased at the desire of Prince Rupert to command the writer to inquire of the condition of a new vessel said to have been lately built at Portsmouth for his Highness's use, signifying his intention that she should be forthwith finished and rigged on his own account, the season calling for her speedy setting out on the service she is intended for, the fetching of Rhenish wine. At the first meeting of the lords, the writer will acquaint them with this his Majesty's purpose, and prepare orders for the respective officers of the yard; meanwhile desires him to report as to her state.

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[1] Henry Coventry had been appointed a secretary of state in 1671 (*D. N. B.* xii. 358).

[2] See note to No. 1142.

[3] See note to No. 34.

1229. [p. 96.] 11 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[1] Plymouth.[2]—Encloses a copy of a warrant sent away the last post overland to meet him at Cadiz.

1230. [p. 95.[3]] 12 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Shall move the king concerning the carpenter they recommend for the Europa; as also for orders to the governor at Sheerness to direct the sentinels there to keep watch on the stores lying without the fort. The Monck is ordered to convoy the vessels at Rye and Portsmouth with soldiers to Dieppe. Desires them to desist entering of men on the ships at Portsmouth. Orders were sent them last night for discharging the merchantmen taken up and forbearing to take up any more, so that there will be no need that the Arms of Terver be fitted out in the room of one of them. They are not to enter the officers of the new ship building at Bristol[4] into pay until she be delivered at Portsmouth according to contract. Has sent orders to the French Ruby to receive and victual the two companies of soldiers appointed to be sent on board her from time to time for 'inforcing' the garrison at Sheerness [1213]; desires the board to send hammaccoes, if needed for their accommodation.

1231. [p. 97.] 12 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Lhostein,*[5] Antelope, Sheerness.—Has received his of the 9th with an account of the readiness of his ship. Orders to sea will be sent him shortly.

1232. [p. 97.] 12 *Feb. S. P. to Major Darell.*[6]—

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[1] See note to No. 792.

[2] Captain Rooth's fleet had sailed from Portsmouth [1224], and was to touch at Plymouth [1192, 1250].

[3] Out of order in the MS.

[4] The Oxford, a 4th rate (*supra*, vol. i. p. 274).

[5] See note to No. 143.

[6] Governor of Sheerness.

Encloses the king's orders to Captain Roome Coyle[1] in explanation of the last orders sent him concerning the two companies of soldiers [1213].

1233. [p. 97.] 12 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Cambridge being appointed to sail to the Isle of Shetland upon a particular service [1227], the writer desires them to send her immediately to Sheerness an able pilot for that coast [1270].

1234. [p. 97.] 12 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Perriman,*[2] William dogger, at Boston.—Thanks him for his of the 7th from Bridlington Bay. Is sorry for the great loss happened to the collier ships.

1235. [p. 98.] 12 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Herbert,*[3] Cambridge, Sheerness.—Has written to the navy office to send him down a pilot [1233]. The Crown and the Dove dogger are to accompany him. The former, now in the Downs, will wait for him at the Rolling Grounds off Harwich; the dogger, now at Deptford, will fall down to him at the buoy of the Nore.

1236. [p. 98.] 12 *Feb. S. P. to Mr. Thomas Newman,* Dartmouth, D[eputy] V[ice] A[dmiral].—He is to deliver the prize left with him by Captain Bridgeman[4] to the agent of the commissioners for the admiralty rights,[5] that he may take care to receive the salvage due to his Majesty from her.

1237. [p. 98.] 12 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Mayo,*[6] Princess, Sheerness.—Leave to come to town for 4 or 5 days.

1238. [p. 99.] 12 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Wetwang,*[7] Newcastle, at Newcastle.—Has received his of the 3rd from Leith Road, and is sorry he is in so great distress for a mainsail, but hopes he will be able to get one at Newcastle by the care he has taken therein in case that sent from hence do not arrive with him; and doubts not but the officers of the navy will reimburse him what money he shall lay out for it. Encloses a duplicate of orders sent last night to Leith. All hostility being to cease within 12 days after the publication of the treaty of peace now concluded, which is expected within 8 days from now, he is to lose no time in executing them [1227, 1256].

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[1] See note to No. 579.

[2] See note to No. 882.

[3] See note to No. 1142.

[4] Commander of the Greenwich [1165].

[5] See vol. i. p. 38, *supra.*

[6] See note to No. 628.

[7] *D. N. B.* lx. 388.

1239. [p. 99.] 12 *Feb.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[1] —Is glad the Nonsuch, Mary Rose, and Mermaid are despatched away. Peace being now concluded, his care will be over for manning the Royal Charles and the other ships at Portsmouth.

1240. [p. 100.] 12 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Carter,* Crown, Downs.—Encloses orders for him to sail to the Rolling Grounds, there to join with the Cambridge in a service requiring all possible despatch [1235]. The person he recommends is appointed his lieutenant, but he is to send his name.

1241. [p. 100.] 12 *Feb.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]— Thanks him for his account of the king's ships in his port. Wonders that the Hawk fireship and Peterman dogger should go into Catwater, the commanders having wrote word that they would forthwith put to sea. The writer is to desire him to hasten them out to sea in search of Sir John Narbrough, according to the orders received from Sir John, and to send up an account of their proceedings, and pretences for lying in port contrary to orders. If his fleet is not already gone from Plymouth, desires him to deliver the enclosed to Captain Rooth [? 1229].

1242. [p. 101.] 12 *Feb.* *S. P. to the Mayor of Boston.*— Has received a letter dated the 7th from some gentlemen of his town, desiring that Captain Holland[3] may convoy the Swedes and Hamburger from Yarmouth [1189]; but the service can be sooner despatched by the Buck dogger, now bound out of the River to the northward.

1243. [p. 101.] 12 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Turner,*[4] Jason fireship, Portsmouth.—Has received his of the 9th giving notice of his arrival at Portsmouth, where he is to continue till further order.

1244. [p. 101.] 12 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Watson.*[5]— The king thinks that the guns he has already are sufficient for his ship, and he is not to stay for more.

1245. [p. 101.] 14 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Killigrew,*[6]

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[1] See note to No. 34.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] Commander of the Tulip dogger. See note to No. 1078.

[4] See note to No. 1031.

[5] See note to No. 1201.

[6] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

Monck, at Portsmouth.—Has received his account of his having been at Rye and of his retaking a ketch that came from the Barbados; presumes he has delivered it to the commissioners for prizes at Portsmouth. Has written to Commissioner Deane to survey the defects of his ship [1224].

1246. [p. 102.] 14 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Tosier*,[1] Stavoreen, Plymouth.—Thanks him for his of the 10th from Plymouth Sound.

1247. [p. 102.] 14 *Feb. S. P. to Captain John Lanyon*,[2] at Plymouth.—The captain of the Success, one of the convoys going to Bilbao, writes from Falmouth that she is 'so very leaky forward on in the powder-room as that she is not in a condition to proceed the voyage.' Desires him on her arrival at Plymouth to survey her defects, and if they are such as may be speedily repaired, to put her in hand forthwith. Otherwise her commander hath orders to return to Portsmouth [1248, 1279, 1296].

1248. [p. 102.] 14 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Harris*,[3] Success, Plymouth.—Encloses orders to come to Portsmouth if his leaks cannot be stopped at Plymouth [1247 *and* 1279].

1249. [p. 102.] 14 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Thurston*, Essex ketch, at Harwich.—To revictual at Harwich. Hopes the Eaglet ketch is ere this gotten to her station, she being appointed to the same station with him.

1250. [p. 103.] 14 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper*.[4]—Is glad Captain Rooth is sailed from Plymouth,[5] though fears these strong westerly winds will force him back again. The Success is to be surveyed at Plymouth [1247].

1251. [p. 103.] 14 *Feb. S. P. to Captain James*, Foresight, at Plymouth.—Has received his of the 9th, and is sorry the Hunter was not then got to him; she sailed from the Downs 4 days since.

1251*a*. [p. 103.] 14 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[6] Harwich.—He need not send up an account of the soldiers lately embarked at Harwich, having sent it already to the navy office, where it will be most useful. Encloses a letter for the Portsmouth [1252], if still about his parts.

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[1] See note to No. 1180.

[2] See note to No. 706.

[3] See note to No. 353.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] See note to No. 1229.

[6] See note to No. 261.

1252. [p. 103.] 14 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Page*,[1] Portsmouth, at Harwich.—Has received his of the 11th from Hollesley[2] Bay. The enclosed [? 1214] was sent to him to the Nore, but came too late; desires an early reply to it.

1253. [p. 104.] 17 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Lucas*, Hawk fireship, in the Downs.—To continue till Sir John Narbrough's return, and then to follow his orders.

1254. [p. 104.] 17 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Booth*,[3] Pearl, at Plymouth.—The king is well pleased with his last adventure of the caper, but commands (upon application of some merchants pretending to be concerned in the tin which the caper had so lately taken) that he respite the disposing of the tin till the matter be considered. It will not be determined with any partiality, but according to the true meaning of the act of state by which the commanders and companies of his Majesty's ships were promised the benefit of what capers they should happen to take.

1255. [p. 104.] 17 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, at Plymouth.—Believes the backwardness of his stores may have arisen from the want of moneys in them that were to supply them, Mr. Lanyon[4] having lately made great complaints in that particular with too much reason, but the writer hopes that in a few days he will be able to go to sea. The king is well satisfied with his resolution of keeping on board.

1256. [p. 105.] 17 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Wetwang*,[5] Newcastle, at Newcastle.—Hopes he is gone to Shetland [1238]. The Portsmouth, Augustine, and Country's Welfare that are now attending the light colliers to Newcastle will be sufficient to supply his place with regard to the colliery; the Ruby being got into Humber will take sufficient care of the ships bound thence to the River.

1257. [p. 105.] 17 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Perriman*,[6] William dogger, at Boston.—Has received his from Tynemouth,[7] and doubts not that he has done his duty in giving like advice of his want of a cable to the navy board.

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[1] See note to No. 932.

[2] MS. 'Hoosely.'

[3] See note to No. 1077.

[4] See note to No. 706.

[5] *D. N. B.* lx. 388.

[6] See note to No. 882.

[7] MS. 'Tinm°.'

1258. [p. 105.] 17 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—The Dartmouth is not to stay to clean, in regard the time is so short within which all acts of hostility are to cease in the Channel [1227 *and* 1238], and no time is to be lost in doing what service may be against the Dutch. Has therefore written to Captain Pinn to hasten out again to his station [1259].

1259. [p. 106.] 17 *Feb.*[2] *S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, at Plymouth.—The war being now over, the king is pleased to leave the capers taken to be disposed of for the benefit of the commanders and companies who have had the good fortune to take them.

The orders enclosed will not admit of so much delay of time as the cleaning of his ship will take up; he is therefore to lose no time in executing them.

The second paragraph is substituted for another cancelled paragraph, but the sense is not much altered.

1260. [p. 106.] 17 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Royden*, Dunkirk, in the Hope.—Leave to come up.

1261. [p. 106.] 17 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Stout*, Warspite, at Portsmouth.—Believes in a little time the lords will order the discharge of his ship; meanwhile he is to desist entering any more men, the determination of the war determining also the occasions of putting his Majesty to any more charge. Notes his desire for a future employment.

1262. [p. 107.] 17 *Feb. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[3]—Will communicate his of the 15th to the lords touching the ship built for the prince [1228] and send him their further directions; as also about what is to be done with the Mary, Gloucester, and York, and the ships designed for France with the soldiers.

1263. [p. 107.] 17 *Feb. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden,*[4] Plymouth.—Desires an account of the unfortunate mistake between him and the French man-of-war, that the writer may be able to inform the king and lords in the arguments he has to give why the Frenchman ought to judge him to be one of the King of England's ships, as also how he proves himself rightly commissionated from the King of France, and lastly, what damage the king's ship or subjects on board have sustained from the Frenchman [1282].

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] Not sent till the 18th [1301].

[3] See note to No. 34.

[4] Commander of the Assistance (*supra*, vol. i. p. 386). See also *D. N. B.* xxxix. 201.

1264. [p. 108.] 17 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will acquaint the lords with what they write of the case of George Crow, late master of the George ketch. The king approves of what they propose, that the Harwich be launched the first spring[1] in March, when her masts and furniture will be all ready at Harwich for her [1225]. The Duke of Monmouth desires that the vessel at Rye which waits for soldiers may continue there some few days longer. The king and lords, with the lord treasurer, have it under consideration what ships shall be sent forth or continued abroad and which shall be discharged, towards which, and other points of retrenchment, the writer has prepared several particulars to be offered to them, pursuant to his discourse with the board at their meeting concerning the same last Saturday. The captain of the Augustine writes that one John Ware, a pilot who was ordered by the board to pilot him into Yarmouth Roads, did on the 12th go ashore at Harwich and returned not again, whereby the ship was in a great danger of being lost for want of an able pilot. Desires to know where he may be found, that he may move the lords for a warrant for apprehending him.

Postscript.—The captain of the William dogger is in great want of a cable of 8 inches, which he desires may be furnished to him at Boston [1257].

1265. [p. 109.] 17 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Herbert.*[2]—Encloses a copy of an affidavit this day brought him from the Lord Mayor, complaining of a violation of his Majesty's protection to a ship employed on the work of the City. This, if true, will give occasion to very great displeasure in his Majesty towards the officer guilty of it, and indeed the insolence cannot but be reckoned insufferable. Desires him to make inquiry and discharge the person so pressed, and to report the name of the officer guilty of this disorder, 'as being that which his Majesty resolves in no wise to let pass without some mark of his displeasure against it.'

1266. [p. 109.] 17 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Clements,*

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[1] *I.e.* the first spring-tide.

[2] See note to No. 1142.

Greyhound, Downs.—To return and fetch the St. Peter galliot left behind at Rouen [1303].

1267. [p. 109.] 17 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Lhostein*,[1] Antelope, Sheerness.—Is sorry he is still in so great want of men. Encloses orders for sailing to the buoy of the Nore, where he hopes he will have better opportunities of procuring them.

1268. [p. 110.] 18 *Feb.* *S. P. to Mr. Brereton*, clerk of the check, Woolwich.—Desires that for the enabling him to give that daily satisfaction to the king and lords which is necessary touching the present posture of every ship, he will not fail for the time to come to mention that particular, hitherto omitted, of the number of men actually appearing on board and mustered, as well as the numbers borne. The writer has hitherto observed such an irregularity in one of his weekly accounts as he 'never met withal from any other hand, nor would be by any means sufferable to be continued'; which is that, 'whilst not a quarter part of the complement of men have been found appearing on board, a considerable number above the complement have been found borne as supernumeraries upon the ship's book, which in harbour is an exorbitance so great as can in no measure be justified, . . . especially with the clerk of the check, upon whom no piece of duty lies more expressly than that of keeping to attendance all persons that are borne, and that no number be borne upon any ship beyond the number established.' He is to take care to prevent any such irregularities for the time to come [1358].

Postscript.—Since writing, has cast his eye a little more particularly upon the very list he now sends, and discovers the same error in the St. David and Dunkirk—the former, whose complement is 260, has 295 men borne and but 191 mustered; and the latter, whose complement is but 340, hath borne 375, and appearing but 274.

1269. [p. 111.] 18 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Pyend*,[2] Ruby, at the Nore.—Has received his of the 13th from Humber. His ship is to be surveyed on her arrival at the buoy of the Nore, and it is left to him and his company to dispose of the caper they have taken. Will move the lords concerning the payment of his men, that they may have no cause to think themselves the worse used for their readiness to go forth the last time without their pay when the other ships received it.

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[1] See note to No. 143.

[2] See note to No. 656.

1270. [p. 111.] 18 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has received a letter from Captain Herbert of the Cambridge dated the 15th, saying that his pilot for Shetland [1233] was not then come down, nor the Dove dogger. They are to hasten the one, and to take care that Captain Perriman[1] inquire in the River concerning the delay of the other.

1271. [p. 112.] 18 *Feb. S. P. to* [*Captain Herbert*[2]].—Has written to the navy board to hasten down his pilot and the dogger [1270]. Doubts not that the Crown will be waiting for him in the Rolling Grounds; if not he is to stay for her [1240, 1298].

Postscript.—Since writing, understands by the list from the Downs that the Crown is gone from thence.

1272. [p. 113.] 18 *Feb. S. P. to Mr. Nathaniel Herne.*[3]—Is glad he has sent for a certificate touching Captain Harman [1204], for the lords will not punish a breach of instruction before it fully appears that the party complained of was perfectly informed of the said instruction. The king will not give the protections he desires till the peace be published, unless it be for ships for which the Prince of Orange's passes do appear [1371], but in the meantime he will grant them to the men employed in the fitting forth of any ships, that the merchant may not be disturbed in his preparations. He can have one of these for the Dorcas if of any use.

1273. [p. 113.] 19 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Country,*[4] Roebuck, Sheerness.—To get what men he can without pressing.

1274. [p. 114.] 19 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Killigrew,*[5] Monck, at Portsmouth.—Leave for his lieutenant, Mr. Gregory, to come to town; his earlier letter [1199], sent to the Downs, not having come to his hands.

1275. [p. 113.] 19 *Feb. S. P. to Commissioner*

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[1] See note to No. 286.

[2] See note to No. 1142.

[3] See note to No. 1879.

[4] Captain Richard Country. Pepys's *Register* also mentions Captain Jeremy Country, who had commanded the Greyhound in 1660 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 339).

[5] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

Deane.[1]—To repair the Monck, if she be not in a condition to go to sea.

1276. [p. 113.] 19 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[2] Pearl, at Plymouth.—If in truth the tin he took in the privateer be not yet out of his hands, he will do well to avoid giving his Majesty offence, by keeping it there till he has his permission to part with it [1254].

1277. [p. 114.] 19 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Taylor,*[3] Harwich.—Thanks for the return of his letter to Captain Page [? 1252]; has sent it after him to Newcastle.

1278. [p. 114.] 19 *Feb. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4] —Finds that the late blowing weather hath very much dispersed his squadron. The Greenwich, Hawk fireship, and Peterman dogger are come to the Downs, and the Bonetta sloop at Mount's Bay, who is ordered to return also to the Downs. The Greenwich is ordered to the buoy of the Nore to convoy the French ship, the Bourbon, to Dover, and thence to Severn with the vessel that carries the stores for the new ship at Bristol.[5] The commander of the Hawk fireship writes that she is too leaky to keep the sea, but his Majesty hath not thought fitting upon the bare report of the captain to order her into port, 'expecting upon your returning to the Downs to have a more perfect account from you of her condition.'

1279. [p. 114.] 19 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[6]—Hopes the delays in fitting out the Hunter are now at an end. Hopes the orders to the Dartmouth to go to Bilbao in the room of the Success [1247] arrived time enough before her departure from Plymouth.

1280. [p. 115.] 19 *Feb. S. P. to Sir William Jennens,*[7] Gloucester, Portsmouth.—Leave to come to town.

1281. [p. 115.] 20 *Feb. S. P. to the Commanders of any of his Majesty's men-of-war in the Downs not otherwise ordered.*—To see the Monmouth yacht, wherein Lord George Douglas[8] is going over, safe at Calais, and that done to return to the Downs.

1282. [p. 117.[9]] 20 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[6]—The lords desire to be yet more particularly informed in the business of the French man-of-war lately come into Plymouth with Sir Richard Munden [1263] 'after the unfortunate mistake of their meeting one another at sea as enemies, led thereto, as Sir Richard Munden saith, by the French ship's answering from Amsterdam after Sir Richard Munden had first declared his belonging to Whitehall.' He is to send the reason of the departure of the Success from Plymouth for Morlaix without order. Hopes the Dartmouth is ere this sailed to Falmouth to join with the Adventure. If not, desires him to quicken her, as also any other of his Majesty's ships that shall be in port, the time being now short after which hostilities are to cease [1287].

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[1] See note to No. 34.

[2] See note to No. 1077.

[3] See note to No. 261.

[4] See note to No. 1071.

[5] See note to No. 1230.

[6] Governor of Plymouth.

[7] *D. N. B.* xxix. 319.

[8] *D. N. B.* xv. 297.

[9] Out of order in the MS.

1283. [p. 115.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Carter*, Crown, Harwich.—His 5 weeks' victuals are sufficient for the service he is now going upon.

1284. [p. 115.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Bridgeman*, Greenwich, at the Nore.—Has received his of the 18th from the Downs, and hopes this will find him arrived at the buoy of the Nore, whither the writer presumes his convoys will hasten. He is ordered, after having seen the Bourbon at Dover, to convoy a vessel with stores to Portsmouth for the ordnance office, and another to Lundy with stores for the new ship at Bristol [1278, 1290]. Has acquainted the officers of the navy with his having missed the anchor and cable they had sent for his ship to the Downs.

1285. [p. 116.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[1] Harwich.—If the Crown and Cambridge be not sailed from the Rolling Grounds, desires him to cause the enclosed to be sent on board.

1286. [p. 116.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2] —Thanks for his returning his letter to Captain Herbert.[3]

1287. [p. 116.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4] —Thanks him for his of the 18th from St. Helen's Road. The peace is concluded here and gone over to be ratified in Holland, from whence it is expected every day, but acts of hostility are not to cease in these parts until 12 days after its publication, of which notice will be sent him.

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[1] See note to No. 261.

[2] See note to No. 80.

[3] See note to No. 1142.

[4] See note to No. 1071.

1288. [p. 117.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to Mr. Philip Lanyon.*[1]—Much wonders that the Success should depart from Plymouth without any order [1282], or staying to receive the effects of his care for repairing her defects. The lords are very sensible of his care for supplying the Nonsuch with topmasts, and desire her hastened away. The new boatswain of the Swan is gone down to her.

1289. [p. 118.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Temple*, Adventure, at Falmouth.—The lords will doubtless call Captain Harris to a strict account for leaving him without his order [1215, 1296]. Hopes the Dartmouth is joined with him, so that he can proceed on his voyage with his convoys.

1290. [p. 119.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Is informed by the Duke of Monmouth that his Majesty hath ordered 34 companies of 60 men each, besides officers—viz. 14 of the Duke of Buckingham's, 11 of the Earl of Tyrone's, 5 of Lord Widdrington's, and 4 lately come from Barbados—to march to Chester or Holyhead [1333] for Ireland. Has written to Mr. Lock, secretary at war [1291]. Prays them to be doing all they can towards providing vessels and victuals, giving Mr. Lock from time to time an account of their proceedings and readiness therein. They are also to provide vessels and victuals for transporting thither 3 companies more—Captain Edward Roscarrock's at the Isle of Scilly, Sir Robert Hilliard's and Captain Godolphin's at Plymouth—and to direct the masters of the vessels they shall so employ to communicate with the officers in chief at those garrisons [1342 *and* 1344]. The captain of the Greenwich supposes that the vessel with an anchor and cable for him is returned from the Downs, as he cannot hear of her there; as he is ordered to the buoy of the Nore to convoy the Bourbon to Dover, and thence to proceed with the Papenburgh[2] to Lundy [1284], they may if they think fit send them down to him.

1291. [p. 120.] 21 *Feb. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*—Has communicated with the navy board about the 37 companies of soldiers for Ireland [1290], and has prepared an order for them for his Majesty to sign. Desires that the commanders of the 34 companies embarking at Chester or Holyhead give notice to the board of the time within which they shall be ready.

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[1] See note to No. 706.

[2] See note to No. 639.

1292. [p. 121.] 24 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Stout*, Warspite, at Plymouth.—Doubts whether he shall be able to meet his desire for the convoy for Newfoundland, that being to be provided out of ships already abroad and therefore already provided with commanders.

1293. [p. 121.] 24 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Booth*,[1] Pearl, at Plymouth.—Hopes that what he writes touching his having already disposed of the tin [1276] will upon examination be found truth, and not a practice to avoid the satisfaction demanded.

1294. [p. 121.] 24 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, at Plymouth.—Hopes the orders sent him on Tuesday last [? 1259] reached him before he left Plymouth to sail to his former station.

1295. [p. 122.] 24 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Colt*, Hunter, Plymouth.—Will show what fitting respect he can to his desire to be sent to the West Indies.

1296. [p. 122.] 24 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Harris*,[2] Success, at Plymouth.—Is specially commanded by the king and lords to take notice to him of 'that which seems a most unanswerable breach of orders, and a misbehaviour not to be forgiven by any that can wish well to the discipline of the navy.' He lately described his ship as unfit to proceed to the Bay of Biscay without some extraordinary refittings, which moved his Majesty to order him to Plymouth [1247], whither he came, but without inquiring or staying for orders, and, contrary to his express instructions, went on an errand of his own over to Morlaix, and at his return the condition of his ship it is found can be cured in 3 days' time. He is not to wonder that the king and lords take more than ordinary notice of so fresh a miscarriage and of so high a nature, after another so lately forgiven him, and therefore desires him to send up the grounds of his late proceedings [1375].

1297. [p. 123.] 24 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Robinson*,[3] Hopeful Margaret dogger, Plymouth.—His vessel to be discharged, concerning which he will hear from the officers of the navy, who will supply him with victuals until he is put out of his Majesty's pay.

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[1] See note to No. 1077.

[2] See note to No. 353.

[3] Captain John Robinson. Pepys's *Register* gives five other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 398).

1298. [p. 123.] 24 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[1] Harwich.—Acknowledges his of the 21st giving an account of the Cambridge and the Crown's passing by [1271], and of the arrival of the Eaglet ketch in the Rolling Grounds.

1299. [p. 123.] 24 *Feb.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2] —The ships at Portsmouth are to be paid off so soon as moneys can be in readiness for the doing of it; in the meantime no more men to be entered upon any of them, either volunteers or pressed men.

1300. [p. 124.] 24 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Bridgeman*,[3] Nore.—To carry out his orders [1284].

1301. [p. 124.] 24 *Feb.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Captain Pinn's[5] orders, which were intended to have been sent in his of the 17th, were sent the next day after by express [1259]. Thanks him for his account of Captain Tapson's scuffle with the privateers. Wonders he has no notice thereof from Captain Tapson[6] himself, some reports having been spread to his disadvantage [1310]. To send the reasons for the Mary Rose and Nonsuch lying in port when the wind is fair.

1302. [p. 125.] 24 *Feb.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Eaglet ketch reports from Harwich that the buoy of the Gunfleet is either gone or sunk: desires them to give notice to the Trinity House. Will speedily send orders for discharging the Hopeful Margaret dogger, but they are to supply her with victuals while she continues in pay [1297]; she has them on board for no longer time than till to-day.

1303. [p. 125.] 24 *Feb.* *S. P. to Captain Clements*, Greyhound, Downs.—The St. Peter galliot, which he was ordered to convoy from the Seine Head [1266], is since taken by the enemy [1309]; he is therefore, with the Young Spragge, to continue in the Downs.

1304. [p. 126.] 25 *Feb.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—

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[1] See note to No. 261.

[2] See note to No. 34.

[3] Commander of the Greenwich [1284].

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] Commander of the Dartmouth [1259].

[6] Commander of the Mermaid [1310].

Encloses papers relating to Richard Nevett, purser of the Norwich. They are to examine his accounts to see if he is creditor to his Majesty to such a value as that without any danger 40*l.* may be imprested to him towards reimbursing the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland what he has already supplied the said purser and his family out of his own purse, and securing his Excellency in giving them some further relief.

1305. [p. 126.] 26 *Feb. The same to the same.*—Encloses a letter from Captain Harris[1] of the Success, and desires them to report whether her defects therein mentioned may be speedily repaired at Plymouth.

1306. [p. 126.] 26 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Taylor,*[2] Harwich.—Thanks him for his of the 24th.

1307. [p. 127.] 26 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—At the desire of Mr. Fowell, vice-admiral of Devon, who is concerned for the speedy stating the accounts of the D[eputy] V[ice]-Admirals of that county for pressing and transporting men this last year, the writer moves them to give despatch therein.

1308. [p. 127.] 26 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Fowler,* Rupert, Portsmouth.—His and the other ships at Portsmouth to be paid off. Leave to come to town.

1309. [p. 127.] 26 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Clements,* Greyhound, Downs.—His Majesty is satisfied with the letters from him and Captain Broad[3] concerning the loss of the St. Peter galliot [1303 *and* 1334]. Encloses orders for his sailing to Rye to convoy some soldiers thence to Dieppe [1347].

1310. [p. 128.] 26 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Tapson,* Mermaid, Plymouth.—Desires an account of the action between him and the privateers [1301].

1311. [p. 128.] 26 *Feb. S. P. to Mr. Grewes,* Advice.—The merchants interested in the ship Advice, 'lately retaken from the Dutch by Sir John Narbrough and committed to your charge,' desiring that 'their concerns on board may be preserved from any spoil or embezzlement,' 'I have upon their request thought fitting to desire you' to treat those persons civilly that they may send on board, besides the merchant already there, until the lords commissioners for prizes shall give further order therein.

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[1] See note to No. 353.

[2] See note to No. 261.

[3] Commander of the Young Spragge [366].

1312. [p. 129.] 26 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Is glad the Dartmouth is ready for sea, and hopes she is ere this gone to Falmouth to join with the Adventure. He is to send the Success to Portsmouth if she cannot be refitted at Plymouth.

1313. [p. 129.] 27 *Feb. S. P. to Mr. Maddockes.*[2]—The lord treasurer desires him to cause the debt of wages on the undermentioned ships to be estimated, and that to be done doubly, viz.: that part of it which relates to time preceding Michaelmas 1672, and that which hath arisen since to this day. He is to send copies to the lord treasurer and the writer.

List of ships: French Ruby, Francis frigate, Francis fireship, Hardereen, Spy sloop, Antelope, Roebuck, Happy Return, Resolution, Dunkirk, Assurance, Yarmouth, Holmes, Mary, Princess, Hound sloop, Leopard, Bristol, Jersey, Guernsey, Fanfan, Castle fireship, Dartmouth fireship, Dragon, York, Gloucester, Royal Charles, Rupert, Warspite, Lion, Jason, Hare dogger, Frog dogger, Wivenhoe fireship, Thomas and Edward fireship, Hope.

1314. [p. 130.] 27 *Feb. S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[3]—[*To the same effect as the preceding letter; with the same list of ships appended.*]

1315. [p. 130.] 27 *Feb. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The lord treasurer desires them to 'cause a computation to be made of the number of workmen in the several yards which, upon a supposition that moneys could be ready to discharge them, the service could presently spare, with regard to the present state of the works on which and materials with which they are now necessarily to be employed during peace, taking in the consideration his lordship at this time hath . . . of endeavouring by all possible means to lessen the growing charge in the navy, towards which no one particular seems more to conduce than that of reducing the number of the persons employed therein, both at sea and in the yards, as soon and as far as the service can admit and moneys be provided for putting the same in execution.' He also desires of them an estimate of the value of the disbursements of the present victuallers of the navy for victuals already issued on this year's declaration.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] Richard Maddockes was a paymaster of the navy (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 161).

[3] See note to No. 1016

1316. [p. 131.] 28 *Feb. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[1]—Thanks him for his care in conveying his letter to Captain Bridgeman.[2]

1317. [p. 131.] 28 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Watson*,[3] Buck dogger, Whitby.—Has received his of the 23rd from Tynemouth,[4] and a former from Yarmouth Roads. Doubts not that the officers of the navy will reimburse him the charge he shall be at for repairing the damages which his vessel sustained by bad weather.

1318. [p. 131.] 28 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Harris*,[5] Success, at Plymouth.—To continue at Plymouth.

1319. [p. 132.] 28 *Feb. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[6]—Thanks him for his advice of the 24th concerning the French man-of-war which came in with Sir Richard Munden [1282]. Is glad the defects of the Success will be so soon amended. She is to continue at Plymouth till further order.

1320. [p. 132.] 28 *Feb. S. P. to Captain Herbert*,[7] Cambridge, at Bridlington.—Proclamation of the peace this day made, so no acts of hostility are to be attempted after 12 days from this, that is to say in the Channel [1371].

Underwritten: 'A duplicate of this was sent to Newcastle' [*see also* No. 1321].

1321. [p. 132.] 28 *Feb. The same to the same*, at Leith.—Encloses a copy of an order from his Majesty, the original whereof, signed with his own hand, is sent to Newcastle and another to Bridlington [1320]. Proclamation of the peace . . . Channel [*as in the preceding letter*].

1322. [p. 133.] 3 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Poole*,[8] St.

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[1] See note to No. 80.

[2] Commander of the Greenwich [1284].

[3] See note to No. 1201.

[4] MS. 'Tinm°.'

[5] See note to No. 353.

[6] Governor of Plymouth.

[7] See note to No. 1142.

[8] Afterwards Sir William Poole. Pepys's *Register* gives four other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 394). See also Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 26.

David.—The bearer, Hans Olson, having lost his left hand in his Majesty's service at sea,[1] being desirous to serve again, is to be entered on board the St. David to serve in the present voyage.

1323. [p. 133.] 3 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Stout*, Warspite, Portsmouth.—Leave to come to town.

1324. [p. 133.] 3 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Tapson*, Mermaid, Plymouth.—Will inform the king with what he writes concerning his meeting with the 3 Dutch capers [1310]. 'His Majesty likes well of what Colonel Piper[2] hath done in ordering you and the Pearl out to cruise, and in regard the few days remaining by which the peace is to take effect in these seas will probably be out before you can get to your convoys, and so there will be no further need of guarding them.' Encloses orders for him to go to the westward [1326].

1325. [p. 134.] 3 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Booth*,[3] Pearl, Plymouth.—To leave attending his convoys and go to the westward, according to the orders enclosed [1326].

1326. [p. 134.] 3 *Mar.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper*.[2]—The king approves his sending the Mermaid and Pearl to cruise [1324]. They are ordered to the westward to ply without the Soundings for securing the ships daily expected from the plantations, to which station Sir John Narbrough and his squadron are also directed [1328]. Sends enclosed some of the proclamations concerning the peace, which he is to communicate to the commanders of his Majesty's ships as he shall have opportunity.

1327. [p. 135.] 3 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, Plymouth.—The peace being now within a very few days to take effect in these seas, there will be no further need of any convoy to the Welsh colliery, so he is to go one of the convoys to Iceland this year. Encloses orders to come into the Hope to take in victuals. To lose no time, in regard the season of the year is near wherein the Iceland fishers usually proceed on their voyage.

1328. [p. 135.] 3 *Mar.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*,[4] Henrietta, Plymouth.—Has received his of the 22nd Feb. from off Portland, giving account of the English ship which he retook that came from the Terceras.[1] The peace was proclaimed here on Saturday last [1320], but as 'the merchants are apprehensive lest their ships expected from the plantations should be snapt before they get into the Soundings,' he is to sail that way. The Pearl and Mermaid are also appointed to that station [1324, 1325] and are to follow his orders; and the Norwich is also plying to the westward.

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[1] See note to No. 1367.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See note to No. 1077.

[4] See note to No. 1071.

Underwritten: 'The like to him at Portsmouth.'

1329. [p. 136.] 3 *Mar. S. P. to Mr. St. Michel,*[2] Deal.—Proclamations of the peace enclosed for distribution to the commanders of the king's ships in the Downs.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Hunter,[3] Sheerness, Captain Taylor,[4] Harwich, and Commissioner Deane,[5] Portsmouth.'

1330. [p. 136.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to the Victuallers of the Navy.*—Yesterday being Ash-Wednesday hindered the finishing that at the council which they may depend on will be done to-morrow.

1331. [p. 136.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Trinity House.*—In answer to theirs of the 2nd, encloses a copy of the order in council relating to his Majesty's bounty to the relations of land officers slain in his service at sea.

1332. [p. 136.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[6] Woolwich.—The navy board will give orders to him about the Deal yacht [1341].

1333. [p. 137.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[7]—Desires him to let him know by what different times the several companies to be transported to Ireland may be expected at Chester [1290], to prevent the demurrage of the vessels lying there in expectation of them. There being no convenience for transporting them from Holyhead, the whole number are to march to Chester. 'Understanding lately from Mr. Edgcumbe that it seems to be by him expected that there should be shipping at Portsmouth ready for the transporting of 2 companies (viz. Sir Bourchier Wray's and Captain Cornwallis's) to Plymouth, I do very much doubt there being any of the king's ships there when they shall arrive.'

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[1] 'Terceira,' one of the Azores.

[2] See note to No. 699.

[3] Clerk of the check at Sheerness: see note to No. 910.

[4] Storekeeper at Harwich: see note to No. 261.

[5] See note to No. 34.

[6] See note to No. 504.

[7] Secretary at war [1290].

1334. [p. 137.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Clements*, Greyhound, Downs.—Since his last [1309], the king has received very strong complaints of his neglect in the matter of the loss of the St. Peter galliot, grounded upon his preferring some service of his own (by spending a fortnight's time in taking in of corn for his private profit) to doing his duty in coming away. The king and lords expect satisfaction from him, the accusation (if true) being such as he cannot expect to escape without just censure [1437].

1335. [p. 138.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Pyend*,[1] Ruby, at Hull.—To take in a month's victuals at Hull. Notwithstanding the peace, he is to bring his convoys from Humber into the River.

1336. [p. 138.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Pratt*, Peterman dogger, Sheerness.—Has received his of the 3rd giving an account of his arrival at Sheerness. He is to be supplied with 2 months' victuals there, and is to send word when he has got it on board.

1337. [p. 138.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks for his advice of the 1st of Sir John Narbrough bringing in a caper of 8 guns. Desires him to convey the enclosed [1338] by the first opportunity.

1338. [p. 138.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Hiatt.*[3]—Is sorry for the loss of the Dove dogger.[4] The officers of the navy will send him directions for disposing of what is saved from her [1341].

1339. [p. 139.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*,[5] Plymouth.—He is to dispose of the Portsmouth sloop, she being his and his company's prize. He and the ships in his company are ordered 6 weeks' victuals when they shall come in to demand it at Plymouth.

1340. [p. 139.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Langley*,[6] Harwich.—Thanks him for his advice of the 2nd touching the coming back of the Spanish ambassador's secretary, the happy effects whereof are seen in the publication of the peace.

1341. [p. 139.] 5 *Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The

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[1] See note to No. 656.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See notes to Nos. 296 and 340.

[4] See note to No. 1341.

[5] See note to No. 1071.

[6] See note to No. 147.

Greenwich hath long since had orders to convoy the Fortune flyboat bound with stores to Portsmouth. Has acquainted the lords with their readiness to answer their late desires in taking care for the despatch of what is necessary to be done for the king's service at Derby House,[1] the particulars whereof the writer will from time to time signify to the officers of Deptford Yard. The hired vessels at Portsmouth and Rye intended to transport soldiers to Dieppe are to remain there undischarged in order to that service. To hasten their report to the lords 'touching the numbers of men fitting to be allowed in time of peace, as well on those ships wherein no establishment hath been yet made, as the others on which you find any just cause to propound any alteration.' Has moved the lord treasurer in what they demand touching their disposal of the moneys that lie in the treasury, whether towards the cutting of[f] the growing charge, or the stopping the clamours of the Anne, Hester, and Nightingale's companies; and he will speedily give them directions by the treasurer of the navy. The Diamond is to go to New York under the command of Sir Robert Robinson;[2] they are to consider how far her being sheathed may be necessary for that voyage, unless it be for some other reason than that of the worm. Encloses a letter from Captain Hiatt,[3] late commander of the Dove dogger, cast away on the coast of Northumberland;[4] desires them to give directions about his disposal of the sails, rigging, anchors, cables, and guns, &c., saved out of her. Mr. Pett,[5] the master shipwright at Woolwich, writes that the Deal yacht, lately come about into the River, is in want of some small repairs and stores; concerning which they are to give direction.

1342. [p. 141.] *7 Mar. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[6]—The Success is to carry the soldiers to Ireland from Scilly and Plymouth [1290]. The instructions from the Duke of Monmouth mentioned but 34 companies designed for Chester [1290]; desires to know if they are increased, as his last letter mentions 38 [1349].

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[1] See note to No. 957.

[2] See note to No. 1367.

[3] See notes to Nos. 296 and 340.

[4] The Dove dogger had been cast away in February 1673-4 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 281).

[5] See note to No. 504.

[6] Secretary at war [1290].

1343. [p. 141.] 7 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Mather,*[1] Little Francis, Sheerness.—Leave to come to town.

1344. [p. 141.] 7 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Encloses orders for Captain Harris[3] to transport the soldiers to Ireland from Scilly and Plymouth [1290].

1345. [p. 142.] 7 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Buller,* at Rochester.—The Roebuck is ordered to transport his company to Newcastle, and the Peterman dogger Captain Bickerstaff's. Both are at Sheerness and will be ready to sail in a few days, when their commanders will send notice to Rochester to the officers of the said companies.

1346. [p. 142.] 7 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Country,*[4] Roebuck, Sheerness.—To transport Colonel Buller's company to Newcastle, giving notice to the officers of the company at Rochester when ready to sail [1345].

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Pratt of the Peterman dogger to transport Captain Bickerstaff's company thither.'

1347. [p. 142.] 7 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Clements,* Greyhound.—As he and the Young Spragge cannot take in all the soldiers that are to go to Dieppe [1303, 1309], the Greenwich pink [1348] is to assist him, notwithstanding her orders from the navy office for coming into the River.

1348. [p. 143.] 7 *Mar. S. P. to the Master of the Greenwich*[5] *pink.*—To assist the Greyhound and Young Spragge in transporting soldiers from Rye to Dieppe, and then to return into the River [1347].

1349. [p. 143.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Adventure in her way with her convoys towards Bilbao is driven back to Falmouth with the loss of her foremast and bowsprit; they are to give order for her refitting at Portsmouth [*but see* 1363, 1369]. To hasten the victuals ordered for the Peterman dogger, she staying only for that [1345]. The lord treasurer desires them to calculate and send the writer, without fail some time this day, the number and quarterly charge of the workmen in each yard after paying off those lately discharged; his lordship also expects some account of their debate touching what was referred to them on Saturday, to consider what he then propounded to the king and lords about 'the cutting off the growing charge of seamen by paying them to Michaelmas, 1672, with money, and the remainder by tickets to be paid them in such a method as shall be established and published for their satisfaction therein.' Out of some belief that the lord treasurer hath that the late abatement of the victualling declaration to 8,200 men for 8 months is really more than by the hopes he hath of discharging the fleet the men remaining abroad will take up, as well as from a desire of preventing all issues of money that are not absolutely necessary, he hath provided to himself the making of two demands—namely, 5,000 men presently,[1] and the remainder some time hence, when a perfecter judgment may be made of the quantity of victuals that will indeed be expended [1359]. This will save to the lord treasurer 'the present parting with so much money or funds[2] as that remainder of provisions would presently call for, and which may be applied to occasions of present and more pressing importance.' Desires them to let him know if there appears anything of inconvenience arising from this proposition 'more than doth to his lordship, or I must confess doth to me, who would be glad of using any means of lessening other issues of money, that we may be enabled to pay the poor seamen without being driven to any longer use of that fatal way of discharging them by ticket.'

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[1] According to Pepys's *Register*, Captain William Mather, formerly commander of the Golden Hand fireship, had been appointed to command the Little Francis fireship, 1 Dec. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 382). The date given by Charnock, presumably in error, is 1 *Oct.* 1673 (*Biog. Nav.* i. 348).

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] Captain Leonard Harris, commander of the Success. See note to No. 353.

[4] See note to No. 1273.

[5] The MS. has '*Portsmouth* pink,' but this is probably a slip of the pen, as she had been taken by the Dutch in October 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 293). See No. 1347.

The companies of soldiers to be shipped at Chester are increased to 38 [1342].

1350. [p. 144.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Stanesby*, Happy Return, Hope.—Leave to come to town for 3 or 4 days.

1351. [p. 145.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to Captain London*, Norwich, Plymouth.—Will inquire concerning his master and gunner, and hasten them down [1357]. The king approves of his taking in a month's victuals and going to ply without Scilly.

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[1] *I.e.* immediately.

[2] MS. 'fonds.'

1352. [p. 145.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Cooper*, Spy sloop, East Swale.—The peace being concluded, he is to put no further stop upon any vessels bound out with oysters [1039]. Encloses orders for him to come to Deptford.

1353. [p. 145.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—About continuing their correspondence. Will do him right in mentioning the ready respect he has always paid to the king's service.

1354. [p. 146.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to Mr. Gregory*,[2] Chatham.—Thanks him for the constancy with which he has supplied him with his lists. He need not continue these returns until some alteration happen therein, 'which though possibly it may not be much or frequent in reference to the number of the ships, yet I suppose there may be some in respect of their coming into or going out of dock, or other circumstances relating to the condition they are in.'

1355. [p. 146.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Temple*, Adventure, Portsmouth.—To make haste in refitting his ship [1349 *and* 1363].

1356. [p. 146.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to Mr. Pett*,[3] Chatham.—The king has commanded the officers of the navy 'to hasten a supply of money for finishing the new yacht you are building as soon as they are able, being very desirous to have her afloat; but in the meantime he is satisfied in your despatch, so as that the delay which may happen in her launching from this want of money will have no effect upon you to your prejudice more than your disappointment in not having her so soon abroad as you hoped.'

1357. [p. 147.] 10 *Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will speedily send directions from the lords about sending a ship to Harwich for helping to rig and bring about the new ship there. The Swan is ordered to come about into the Hope, there to be fitted for her voyage to Iceland [1327]. They are to send to the lord treasurer his original warrant to Sir Robert Howard[1] for the payment of the 3,000*l.* to Sir John Duteil,[2] that it may be altered as they desire in making the money payable to Sir Thomas Clutterbuck.[3]

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] Clerk of the check at Chatham: see note to No. 910.

[3] See note to No. 504.

'At the request of Mr. Edgcumbe, I am to let you know that some little time before the unhappy burning of the navy office he did apply himself to me there for my advice in behalf of some poor people of the west country (neighbours of my honoured friend, Sir Richard Edgcumbe) touching the helping them to some relief in the payment of their tickets,' and left some papers at the office which miscarried in the fire. 'He doth tell me (and he is a gentleman of so much credit I do verily believe it) that there was a ticket for Joseph Hutton stated and recast which came unto 17*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*'

Postscript.—The captain of the Norwich hears they have appointed him another master, and desires that he may be hastened down [1351].

1358. [p. 148.] 10 *Mar. The same to the same.*—'Upon my late observing an irregularity in the weekly returns from the clerks of the check in the several yards, and particularly from him at Woolwich, in bearing upon the books of some ships within his muster (even while they lay in harbour) several supernumeraries above their full complements, while at the same time the numbers that appeared at their musters fell very short of their complements; so that (whatever his Majesty's service had been for employing the said ships) they would not have been found in any condition to have gone to sea with the numbers that kept on board; while also this liberty of men's absence had this further injury in it, of giving way to men's coming up to town to clamour for want of pay, though his Majesty's charge to them, both of wages and victuals, continued no less than if they had been actually at sea; I thought it my duty to take notice of it by a friendly letter from myself to the clerk of the check there [1268], from whom I have received such an answer in excuse, as enlightens me further into the sight of an error yet much greater than that I complained of, namely, a confessed liberty taken by him of keeping men open upon the books at his pleasure, notwithstanding their being absent more musters than by the practice of the navy is necessary for the making them "run,"[1] and yet would have me believe that all the while he thus kept them open, he did actually prick them for victuals and wages. Which whether true or no I know not, but seems worthy your inquiry; though if true I can in no wise think it an allowable practice that the clerk of the check should (upon any consideration) delay the making of a man "run," after his several absences do by the practice of the navy require it, it being in no wise (I suppose) to be understood that his Majesty's security in the remitting of "runs" should depend upon the single integrity and discretion of a clerk of the check (it being a trust apparently too great for him), but that it should be lodged in the joint hands of the navy board. Besides that this method of keeping a man open upon the book, at the pleasure of the clerk of the check, after he hath forfeited his pay by his absences, leaves that officer under a constant openness to be tempted by the purser of the ship to which the absent man belongs, to compound for the profits of this practice. I have therefore taken the liberty to trouble you with a copy of what I wrote to this gentleman (to me a stranger), on this matter, with his answer thereto, to the end that if I be found under no mistake in my jealousies herein, you may please to make what use thereof you shall think fit for his Majesty's advantage in the rectifying for the future anything in this practice which you shall find calling for the same' [1374].

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[1] Sir Robert Howard, the dramatist, was secretary to the commissioners of the treasury (*D. N. B.* xxviii. 59).

[2] See note to No. 1023.

[3] See note to No. 1166.

1359. [p. 149.] 13 *Mar. S. P. to Sir Denis Gauden,* &c.[2]—Writes by direction of the lord treasurer to remind them what his lordship advised yesterday in discourse touching the present quantity of victuals to be by them provided for and no more of the 8,200 men lately declared for, the remainder being to be hereafter demanded as occasion shall require; whereof they may expect a regular signification of his Majesty's pleasure from the officers of the navy in a few days [1349].

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[1] By the practice of the navy an R. was placed in the muster-book against the names of those who had deserted or had missed three musters.

[2] The persons engaged in the new victualling contract of November 1673: see vol. i. p. 164, *supra.*

1360. [p. 149.] 13 *Mar.* *S. P. to Sir John Berry.*[1]—Leave to come to town. As to the clamour of his pressed men who were contented to be discharged without their tickets, the writer leaves it to be directed by the navy board, 'though it be my particular opinion that no man ought to be discharged without money unless for his private convenience he does desire it, and then he ought to have a ticket put into his hand, as well to certify his being regularly discharged as to show what is due to him from his Majesty; which therefore I do not think ought to be denied to the men you speak of if they desire it, expressing upon the tickets their being discharged at their own desire to be paid when the ship shall be paid.'

1361. [p. 150.] 14 *Mar.* *The same to the same.*—To observe the enclosed order, staying on board (notwithstanding his leave [1360]) till the same be done.

1362. [p. 150.] 14 *Mar.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks for his advices.

1363. [p. 150.] 14 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Temple*, Adventure, Plymouth.—If the refitting of his ship can be speedily despatched at Plymouth, he is to continue there [1349, 1369, 1385].

1364. [p. 150.] 14 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Killigrew*,[3] Monck, Portsmouth.—To continue at Portsmouth until further orders.

1365. [p. 151.] 15 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Fasby.*[4]—Encloses orders for his going down to the Hope to take in some men and carry them over to Calais, being likely in all with the soldiers to amount to 100. Sends also orders for the Kitchen to accompany him and follow his directions, which he is to see delivered to her commander, as also that to Sir John Berry.[1] If more victuals are necessary, to lose no time in taking them in, as the business requires haste [1368].

1366. [p. 151.] 16 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Wright.*[5]—

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[1] Commander of the Resolution. *D. N. B.* iv. 398.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] *D. N. B.* xxxi. 109.

[4] Commander of the Cleveland yacht (*supra*, vol. i. p. 349).

[5] Captain William Wright, commander of the Kitchen yacht. See note to No. 66.

Encloses a copy of the orders of the 15th for his repairing to the Hope [1365].

1367. [p. 151.] 16 *Mar. S. P. to Sir Robert Robinson.*[1]—Recommends the bearer, Robert Russell, who has lost a leg in his Majesty's service, to be received on board the Diamond, if he can be entertained without any prejudice to the manning of the ship.

Postscript.—'This is what his Majesty commands me to do in favour of poor men that have lost their limbs in his service.'[2]

1368. [p. 152.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Sir John Berry,*[3] Hope.—Doubts not that he has received his Majesty's warrant for his putting on board the Cleveland yacht such persons as he shall be directed by the Duke of Monmouth's order, or (in case she be not sufficient to receive the whole number of those with him and those ready for her at Hole Haven), on board the Kitchen yacht, which is ordered up to him from Sheerness [1365].

Postscript.—Since writing, has received his of yesterday with an account of his having put the men on board the Cleveland yacht, unto whose commander the king is pleased to send orders to deliver them on board the French Ruby at Sheerness. Has just now received his of to-day; supposes the yachts will need no supply of victuals, in regard they are ordered to dispose of the soldiers as above. As for the drummer he desires, the writer dares not interpose in it, not knowing what service his Majesty designs these men for.

1369. [p. 152.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Temple,* Adventure, Plymouth.—If either through want of stores upon the place, or credit for them, he cannot be immediately supplied at Plymouth, he is to come to Portsmouth [1349, 1363].

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[1] Pepys's *Register* mentions six Robinsons, and of these two are Roberts (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 398–9). According to Charnock, the officer referred to in the text had been knighted 12 Dec. 1673, and had been transferred from the Monmouth [359] to the Diamond, 9 Feb. 1673–4 (*Biog. Nav.* i. 63). Later in the year he was made commander of the Royal Oak (Nos. 1673 and 1676; *supra*, vol. i. p. 399). His signature appears to have been 'Robunson.'

[2] It appears from the Navy Board papers in the Public Record Office that a very large number of men who had lost a leg or an arm applied to be entered on board some ship of war, being unacceptable to the merchant service.

[3] See note to No. 1360.

1370. [p. 152.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Perriman,*[1] Boston.—Orders were sent last week for his bringing the William dogger up to Deptford.

1371. [p. 153.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[2] Plymouth.—The king and lords approve the despatch he intends to make in the execution of his late orders for repairing to the Soundings, where there is good reason to believe the enemy's capers will be as busy as they can during the little time (till the 7th of April next) that the war is now to continue between the Soundings and Tangier [1320]. For preventing the danger arising from which to our merchant ships outward bound, his Majesty and the Prince of Orange have mutually agreed to grant to each other's ships their passes [1272], so that the danger lies only upon homeward-bound ships.

1372. [p. 153.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—Is sorry the victualler's agent at Plymouth is so ill-provided with bread; hopes he will take such care for procuring it that the ships be not forced to lie in port in expectation of it.

1373. [p. 153.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Mr. Charles Porter.*[4] —Desires the character of Mr. Bramston, son of Sir Moundeford Bramston,[5] who requests that his father's commission as judge of the admiralty for the county of Essex (which he is willing to that purpose to resign) may be taken up in exchange for another to this gentleman his son.

1374. [p. 154.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Mr. Brereton,*[6] Woolwich.—'I have received your letter of the 16th inst., and have not met with any of the complaints you therein mention, nor, to tell you the truth, do believe there are any other than some notice I myself have taken by a late letter to the navy board [1358] touching what I some time since wrote to you first about the liberty taken by yourself and other clerks of the check in bearing of supernumeraries on the king's ships in harbour, even while the king wanted the service of the greater part of the companies on board; to which you in answer telling me that though you did not presently make men "run"[1] who by their several absences at muster had by the practice of the navy forfeited their wages, yet you did intend to do it, so as to prevent the king's receiving any prejudice by it. The consequence of which method for a clerk of the check to reserve it in his own hand to take his own time of making a man "run" after he had by his absence forfeited his wages and ought no longer to be borne on the ship's books seeming to me of too much moment to let pass unobserved, I did think it becoming me to give my opinion in the case to the navy board, desiring them to consider of it, not with personal reference to you only but to the practice of the clerks of the check in general. I suppose that letter of mine may have given rise to this discourse you have met with, which you may be confident was not meant by me with any particular ill-will to you, who are wholly a stranger to me and one to whom I can have no reason to bear any discourtesy, but out of the general care which by my place I ought to have to the benefiting of his Majesty's service as far as my little experience enables me. Therefore pray be under no jealousy concerning it, but expect and be ready to conform to what advice you shall, with the rest of the clerks of the check, at some time or other receive from the navy board on this subject.'

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[1] Captain Joseph Perriman. See note to No. 882.

[2] See note to No. 1071.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] *D. N. B.* xlvi. 170.

[5] MS. 'Mundiford.' Moundeford Bramston was the second son of Sir John Bramston the elder. He had been appointed a master in chancery at the Restoration (*D. N. B.* vi. 210). His elder brother, Sir John Bramston of Skreens, was vice-admiral of Essex [712].

[6] Clerk of the check at Woolwich [910].

1375. [p. 155.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Harris*,[2] Success, at Plymouth.—To send an answer to his former letter [1296]. The king and lords are much dissatisfied.

1376. [p. 155.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Broad*,[3] Rye. —The soldiers which he and the Greyhound were to have carried from Rye not being ready, the Greyhound is ordered to Portsmouth, and he is to come up to Deptford [1303, 1309, 1347].

1377. [p. 155.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[4] —'I have delayed to answer yours of the 5th inst. in expectation of having some account to give you of what you therein wrote, but at present having (twice) at distant times mentioned it to his Majesty, I find him so full of the thoughts he is now under of stopping of all things that look like occasions of laying out money, that I perceive he is more thoughtful of getting out of debt for what is past (wherein God bless his endeavours), than willing to entertain any proposition that may tend to the increasing of it. In which resolution of his, though no man I hope doth more heartily wish his continuing nor have longer prayed for his coming to it than myself, yet such are my apprehensions of the moment it is of to the public to have no time lost that can be saved in the providing a set of new ships that may enable us without the help of France or any other neighbour to contend alone with the Dutch as we have heretofore done (which with sorrow we must acknowledge ourselves unfit to do at this day), that upon that very consideration, besides the many good ones contained in your letter, I will neither forbear to put the king in mind of it as often as is fit, nor my lords of the admiralty in general or his Royal Highness and my lord treasurer in particular, whereof I doubt not to give you speedily some account of my success' [1457].

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[1] See note to No. 1358.

[2] See note to No. 353.

[3] Commander of the Young Spragge [366].

[4] See note to No. 34.

1378. [p. 156.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Fasby.*[1]—Encloses orders for his putting the men on board the French Ruby at Sheerness and then repairing to Calais [1368 *and* 1381].

1379. [p. 156.] 17 *Mar. S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*[2]—In answer to his of the 14th given him by Mr. Anguish, what the navy board have done is not by way of confirming Mr. Whitfeld singly in the work of the ticket office, but putting him into a capacity of receiving the books and papers, in order to the present easing his Majesty of the charge of Mr. Lewis his salary [1212], he being to be removed and the papers to be disposed of in some single hand until the government of the office could be settled by the lords, this seeming to be no more than the continuing of Mr. Whitfeld in the possession of the papers and exercise of the work which he had in and upon his hands before. This being the case, and the board designing to make a report of the whole matter to the lords [1507], 'till which be done it being not in the board['s] power to make any establishment in the case, either in favour of Mr. Whitfeld or any other, I do not doubt but by the grace of God you will be able to be abroad' and have opportunity of giving advice in the business before any final resolution be taken therein.

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[1] Commander of the Cleveland yacht (*supra*, vol. i. p. 349).

[2] Comptroller of the navy. *D. N. B.* i. 332.

1380. [p. 157.] 18 *Mar. S. P. to Mr. Hayter.*[1]—Thanks him for his pains about the list. Encloses two papers that may be of use to him—one towards the perfecting his account of members present at his board; the other, heads to be considered in drawing up a new victualling contract.

1381. [p. 157.] 18 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Fasby,*[2] Hope.—Repeats his letter [1378] for fear of miscarriage. He is not to proceed to France with the men as at first intended, but to put them on board the French Ruby at Sheerness, there to remain till further orders, and in the meantime to be treated as his own ship's company is and not otherwise, that they may have no ground of complaining. He is then to proceed to Calais, sending the Kitchen yacht up to Greenwich as soon as she has discharged herself of those men at Sheerness that he put on board her.

1382. [p. 158.] 19 *Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Peterman dogger is sailed 4 days since with the Roebuck to transport some soldiers to Newcastle. They are to have her furnished there with victuals to bring her back, or at Harwich, in case by contrary winds she puts in thither. The Hawk fireship is to come up to Deptford, and if the victuals she has are not sufficient they are to order her petty warrant victuals for bringing her up.

1383. [p. 158.] 19 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—He is to let Captain Binning[4] know that he hopes very soon to hear of his arrival in the Downs or in the River.

1384. [p. 159.] 21 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Roome Coyle.*[5]—Encloses orders for the disposal of the soldiers lately brought on board him.

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[1] See note to No. 418.

[2] See note to No. 1378.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] Commander of the Swan prize [1327].

[5] See note to No. 579.

1385. [p. 159.] 21 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Sir John Narbrough will leave orders at Plymouth for the Assistance to repair unto Portsmouth to be refitted. Will let him know the king's pleasure whether the Adventure proceed to Bilbao or come to the eastward [1363, 1397].

1386. [p. 159.] 21 *Mar. S. P. to Sir John Berry,*[2] Hope.—Encloses orders concerning the soldiers he has on board.

1387. [p. 159.] 21 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Tapson,* Mermaid, Plymouth.—Has received his of the 12th from Falmouth, and should willingly have moved his Majesty for the person he recommends to be his boatswain, but one William Keemer is already appointed [1486].

1388. [p. 160.] 21 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Carter,* Crown, Downs.—Has received his of the 20th from Dover Road. His Majesty and his Royal Highness are well pleased with his account of the good success of the Cambridge and Newcastle. He is ordered to Portsmouth [1391].

1389. [p. 160.] 21 *Mar. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden.*[3]—Has received his of the 14th from Falmouth, and will acquaint the king and lords with his account of the French man-of-war. His ship is to be refitted at Portsmouth [1385].

1390. [p. 160.] 21 *Mar. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4]—Thanks him for his of the 17th.

1391. [p. 161.] 23 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Herbert,*[5] Cambridge, Downs.—The king and lords are very well satisfied with his care in his late voyage, and intend to send him out again forthwith with the Crown to transport some soldiers to Tangier. He is to stop the Crown going to Portsmouth [1388], and to report her condition and that of his own ship.

1392. [p. 161.] 23 *Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Cambridge and Crown are arrived in the Downs from Shetland [1227], and the Newcastle was on Friday last in Southwold[6] Bay, having lost sight of his prize off Yarmouth the night before. The first two are designed for Tangier [1391], but the Cambridge cannot do without two new suits of sails. Has this morning received intimation from Mr. Lock, secretary at war, that Captain Lascelles's [1] company will be at Chester on the 29th; believes that the whole number of men bound to Ireland [1290, 1291, 1417] will very suddenly be there in expectation of passage.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 1360.

[3] See note to No. 1014.

[4] See note to No. 1071.

[5] See note to No. 1142.

[6] MS. 'Sowld.' 'Sole Bay' and 'Southwold Bay' must be equivalent through this form, which appears elsewhere. The East Coast

1393. [p. 162.] 23 *Mar.* *S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[2]—The Cambridge and Crown are designed to carry the soldiers to Tangier [1391 *and* 1392].

1394. [p. 162.] 23 *Mar.* *S. P. to Sir John Berry.*[3]—To make haste to Chatham.

1395. [p. 162.] 24 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Taylor,*[4] Harwich.—Hopes the Peterman dogger has had a supply of victuals and is gone on her voyage [1382].

1396. [p. 163.] 24 *Mar.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—To keep his letter to Captain Harris [1375], as it is probable that he will touch at his port on his return from Ireland. The king approves his sending the Morning Star convoy to Bordeaux. The peace being now in force, the writer supposes the merchants will not need convoy from Exeter [6] to Holland.

1397. [p. 163.] 24 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Temple,* Adventure, Plymouth.—Is glad his ship is in so good a forwardness. He is to proceed on his former voyage to Bilbao [1385].

1398. [p. 163.] 24 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Bridgeman,*[7] Greenwich, Downs.—Hopes the orders of the 19th directing him to Portsmouth are arrived with him.

1399. [p. 164.] 25 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Herbert.*[8]—He and the Crown are to be supplied with stores out of the River, and with victuals to complete what they have to 3 months' from thence or from Dover, with a further supply of 6 weeks' victuals for 310 soldiers [1409]. 'Long may the civility which you mention of the Dutch to his Majesty's ships continue.' The lords approve his bringing

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fishermen still sometimes speak among themselves of Southwold as 'Sowld.'

[1] MS. 'Lassells.'

[2] Secretary at war [1392].

[3] See note to No. 1360.

[4] See note to No. 261.

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

[6] MS. 'Exon̄.'

[7] See note to No. 794.

[8] See note to No. 1142.

down his complement of men, it being what in his absence they have directed to be done in all the king's ships. His Majesty hath granted him the galliot.

1400. [p. 164.] 25 *Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The soldiers for Tangier being to be shipped from the River, it is inconvenient to send the Cambridge and Crown to Portsmouth; they are therefore to be furnished with victuals and stores in the Downs [1399]. They are to discharge the Greenwich pink at Rye, and the hired vessels at Portsmouth that wait for soldiers. Orders are sent them this morning concerning the paying off of the ships. The lords are well satisfied with their care for the sudden discharge of the ships in the River that are to go about to Chatham.

1401. [p. 165.] 26 *Mar. S. P. to Sir Thomas Medowes*, at Yarmouth.—Does not remember promising an employment to any man, the disposal of employments being wholly his Majesty's, and the writer's part therein 'only to present to him the certificates by which persons recommended for employments are to have their different qualifications and merits made known to him'; yet if the king goes on to build the ship he speaks of at Yarmouth, the writer will do his part of friendship for Mr. Coleman to have the purser's place.

1402. [p. 165.] 26 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—To hasten Captain Binning[2] into the River. Encloses orders for the Bonetta sloop to come thither.

1403. [p. 165.] 26 *Mar. S. P. to Captain James*, Foresight, St. Martin's Road.—Is glad that he and his convoys are safely arrived at their ports. He is to attend on the merchant ships and return with them.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Tosier, Stavoreen.'

1404. [p. 166.] 26 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[3] Harwich.—Is glad to understand by his of the 24th that the Newcastle and her prize were in safety in the River's mouth.

1405. [p. 166.] 26 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Rooke*,[4]

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] Commander of the Swan prize [1327].

[3] See note to No. 261.

[4] Afterwards Sir George Rooke. For an account of his career see *D. N. B.* xlix. 204.

Holmes, Hope.—Cannot yet send orders for his proceeding, as the Swan, which is to accompany him, is not yet arrived in the River.

1406. [p. 166.] *26 Mar. S. P. to Captain Barbor,* Bonetta sloop, Plymouth.—He is to come to Deptford.

1407. [p. 166.] *26 Mar. S. P. to Captain Clements.*[1]—Hopes he is arrived at Plymouth, where he is to stay till further orders. He is to take in as much provisions as he can stow, as he is intended to bring some persons of quality and their retinues from Brest hither [1435].

Postscript.—It will be necessary for him on his return to give the king and lords satisfaction in the loss of the [St.] Peter galliot [1334].

1408. [p. 167.] *27 Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Newcastle being now come into the River, and she being designed for one of the summer guard, they are to consider to what yard she shall be brought for bringing her into dock in case she shall need it, and to cause her to be viewed and the state of her wants represented to the lords so as to show the charge of fitting her for sea. Also to supply her with petty warrant victuals.

Postscript.—Desires an account for the lords of the state of the ship building at Yarmouth, and whether a fireship or a frigate.[2]

1409. [p. 167.] *27 Mar. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[3]—The ships for Tangier [1392, 1400] are now in the Downs, whither the men are to be transported by vessels which shall be ready to receive them anywhere in the river of Thames on what day the beginning of next week the Duke of Monmouth shall appoint [1411, 1417].

1410. [p. 167.] *27 Mar. S. P. to Captain Lhostein.*[4]—He may expect an order concerning his number of men and guns, which he presumes will be the bringing down the number of the latter to that which shall be thought convenient for the former, the cessation of the war giving the same ground for reducing the one as the other.

1411. [p. 168.] *27 Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will move the king and lords to-morrow about the ship at

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[1] Commander of the Greyhound [1347].

[2] This must have been the Rose, a 5th rate, built at Yarmouth by Mr. Edgar in 1674 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 276).

[3] Secretary at war [1392].

[4] See note to No. 143.

Harwich. Encloses a copy of the present project for the summer guard. Has endeavoured all he could that the soldiers might be made to march, and not put the king to the charge of transporting them by sea to the Downs [1409]; but the soldiers are not to be trusted on shore, 'Lord Craven[1] declaring to us at the commission for Tangier when I moved it, that if the men should be commanded to march thither by land, he would not answer for their meeting of ten men of the whole number at Deal.' The board is therefore to make provision, part being to be taken in here and part from Rochester.

1412. [p. 168.] 28 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Burton,*[2] Hampshire, Spithead.—Encloses orders for his carrying his ship into Portsmouth.

1413. [p. 169.] 28 *Mar. S. P. to Sir John Berry,*[3] Chatham.—Thanks him for his of the 26th with an account of his getting his ship up to Gillingham. The officers of the navy that are at Chatham will speedily pay off his men.

1414. [p. 169.] 28 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Binning,* Swan, Hope.—Has received his of the 25th from the Downs. He is to acquaint the officers of the navy with his wants as to stores and provisions [1417].

1415. [p. 169.] 28 *Mar. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Hopes Captain Temple is gone to Bilbao [1397]. Will speak with Captain Binning [1414] concerning the men set ashore by him without tickets, that he may take care to get them for them.

1416. [p. 170.] 28 *Mar. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[5]—There will be no opportunity at present of having the repairs he mentions done to the Greyhound at Portsmouth [1407]. The Hampshire is ordered into Portsmouth to be paid off.

1417. [p. 170.] 28 *Mar. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Kitchen yacht and the Royal Escape are to ship 230 of the soldiers at Tower Wharf on Wednesday next and carry them to the Downs [1409, 1420]. Desires them to order a supply of victuals for them, as also for 80 other soldiers which the Kitchen is to carry from Rochester after she has put these on board, and to provide boats to put them on board the vessels at Tower Wharf. To hasten down stores and provisions into the Hope for the Swan prize [1414], which is designed for Ireland. Mr. Lock[1] sends word that Captain Bramston's, Captain Berkeley's, Captain St. George's, and Captain Herbert's companies will be at Chester on 2 April, and Major Dennis's, Captain Barton's, and Captain Merryweather's on 10 April, to embark for Ireland [1393].

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[1] See note to No. 427.

[2] See note to No. 846.

[3] See note to No. 1360.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] See note to No. 34.

1418. [p. 171.] 28 *Mar.* *S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[1]—Concerning the arrangements for transporting soldiers to the Downs, and from Chester to Ireland [1417].

Margin: 'Not sent.'[2]

1419. [p. 171.] 28 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Rooke,*[3] Hope.—Leave to be absent from his ship for 3 or 4 days.

1420. [p. 171.] 28 *Mar.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Kitchen yacht being gone out of the River, by what warrant or on what errand he knows not, they are to consider of some other small vessel, not yet paid off, to supply her place [1417, 1424].

Postscript.—Captain Perriman[4] acquaints him that the Unity ketch and Greenwich pink, in his Majesty's pay, are come up the River. If they will answer this service, to furnish them with victuals forthwith.

1421. [p. 172.] 28 *Mar.* *S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[5]—The Kitchen yacht and the Royal Escape are to be at Tower Wharf on Wednesday morning, to receive the soldiers for Tangier and carry them to the Downs. That done, the Kitchen is to return for those from Rochester, and in case there be any from Dover they should march to Deal to be shipped. Has acquainted the officers of the navy with the readiness of the soldiers at Chester on 2 and 10 April.

1422. [p. 173.] 31 *Mar.* *S. P. to Captain Wetwang.*[6]

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[1] Secretary at war [1392].

[2] The letter is also erased. No. 1421 was evidently substituted for it.

[3] Commander of the Holmes [1405]. See also note to No. 1405.

[4] Captain John Perriman. See note to No. 286.

[5] Secretary at war [1392]. On this letter see No. 1418 and note.

[6] Commander of the Newcastle [1256]. *D. N. B.* lx. 388.

—To have his ship in readiness to go to Harwich to bring away the new ship thence, as his lieutenant tells the writer that with a supply of victuals he can do this errand before coming in to refit [*but see* 1432].

1423. [p. 173.] 31 *Mar. S. P. to Captain Herbert.*[1]—The soldiers for Tangier are to be shipped this day from Tower Wharf, and will in a very few days be in the Downs [1391, 1400, 1409, 1421, 1459].

1424. [p. 173.] 1 *Apr. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2]—The Deptford ketch is to go into the Medway to take the soldiers from Rochester to the Downs [1420].

1425. [p. 174.] 1 *Apr. S. P. to Mr. Alderman Ward.*[3]—The king inclines to making Lord George Douglas compensation some other way for the courtesy intended him of transporting his soldiers from Scotland to France, rather than make use of his own ships on this service since the war is determined. Is sensible of the disappointment, but thinks it more for his lordship's service to give this intimation of the king's present mind. If his Majesty shall yet think fit to continue his first purpose of sending his own ships (concerning which the writer will again take his pleasure before he goes to Newmarket), it shall be immediately communicated.

1426. [p. 175.] 2 *Apr. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Wetwang[4] being designed to stay abroad this summer, the writer desires to know to which yard they will assign the Newcastle for refitting, for which she needs a dock, though her wants will not call for much charge or time [1422, 1436].

1427. [p. 175.] 2 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Pyend,*[5] Ruby, at Erith.—To take his ship to Chatham.

1428. [p. 175.] 2 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Langley,*[6] Harwich.—Has received his and Mr. Carr's letters of 28 and 30 March, and, according to his desire, will forbear taking out a pass for his vessel to Iceland.

1429. [p. 176.] 2 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Lhostein,*[7] Hope.—The Antelope is to be paid off.

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[1] See note to No. 1142.

[2] See note to No. 80.

[3] For particulars of the career of Alderman, afterwards Sir Patience, Ward, see *D. N. B.* lix. 329.

[4] See note to No. 1422.

[5] See note to No. 656.

[6] See note to No. 147.

[7] See note to No. 143.

1430. [p. 176]. 2 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Ridley*, Woolwich sloop, Hull.—To come to Deptford.

1431. [p. 176.] 2 *Apr.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Thanks for his care of the letters.

1432. [p. 176.] 2 *Apr.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Encloses an order undirected for a ship to go to Harwich to help rig the new ship. They may direct it to the commander of what ship they judge most fitting, except the Newcastle [1422], who is designed for another service. But there is either the Portsmouth or the Ruby (now come into the River) [1443]. Will move the king and lords to send some ships to Portsmouth to victual, for taking off the beer, &c., there provided, which may prove a loss to the king if not seasonably disposed of. The lords approve their advice concerning the officers and men to be allowed to the Europa prize intended for a hulk at Tangier; the board are to recommend a boatswain and carpenter for her, and return the writer their names, that he may move his Majesty for warrants for them. Has acquainted the king with the insufficiency of the boatswain of the Oxford, who has signed a warrant for his dismission and for appointing another in his room. The Antelope is to be called in and paid off; at which yard do they judge it most convenient that she be laid up?

1433. [p. 177.] 3 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Gunman.*[2]—By the king's command at his setting out towards Newmarket, he is to transport Lord Duras[3] and his company and baggage to such port of France as he shall direct [1448], and return into the River.

1434. [p. 177.] 3 *Apr.* *The same to the same.*—Encloses a letter to be delivered at Calais from Lady Arlington, who is in particular concerned not only for its safe delivery but that he do with all privacy and circumspection take into his possession and care some things which will be delivered to him for her by the gentleman to whom the letter is directed.

1435. [p. 178.] 4 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Clements*,

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] Commander of the Anne yacht [1573].

[3] Louis Duras, colonel of the Duke of York's Guards and afterwards Earl of Feversham, had been created Baron Duras of Holdenby in 1673. For an account of his career see *D. N. B.* xvi. 247.

Greyhound, Plymouth.—By the king's command signified at his departure towards Newmarket, so soon as he is arrived at Plymouth and has put on shore the soldiers which he took in at Portsmouth, he is to receive on board the bearer, Mons. ——, and sail to Brest, there to follow the orders of the said Mons. —— for bringing over some persons of quality [1407]; and this done to come to Deptford.

Postscript.—The persons he is to bring over are the mother and sister of the Duchess of Portsmouth.

1436. [p. 178.] 4 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Wetwang*,[1] Gravesend.—To bring the Newcastle to Woolwich to be refitted [1426].

1437. [p. 178.] 4 *Apr. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[2] —Thanks for his notice of the paying off the ships with him, which pray continue. Will show his of the 31st to the king and lords timely enough to prevent any proceedings to the prejudice of Captain Clements before his return [1334].

1438. [p. 179.] 4 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Bridgeman*,[3] Greenwich, Portsmouth.—The intent of the king and lords 'at present seems to be to bring down the charge of the navy as low as they can, so that it is not to be expected that many ships will for some time be kept abroad or any new ones set forth.'

1439. [p. 179.] 4 *Apr. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[4]—Thanks for his of the 31st March.

1440. [p. 179.] 4 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Lhostein*,[5] Antelope, Hope.—To go to Chatham to be paid off.

1441. [p. 179.] 4 *Apr. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Newcastle is to come up to Woolwich to be refitted [1436], and the Antelope to go to Chatham to be paid off [1440]. Will acquaint the lords with the account they give of the stores and necessaries fitting to be sent in the hulk to Tangier; also what they propose concerning the weighing the wreck of the Anne;[6] and will communicate to them the affidavits in the cases of the ship Appeal and Mr. Crow. As to the soldier killed on board the Richmond yacht, his consort that killed him is gone to the Downs in her, Commissioner Haddock[1] having given order for his being secured on board her; on her return the lords will give order for delivering him over to the civil magistrates. Orders will be sent them concerning the pay of the ships, and the new ship building at Yarmouth.[2] Will move the king and lords concerning the river Medway, that some timely orders may be given for preventing the prejudice it is likely to receive by what Commissioner Beach mentions.

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[1] See note to No. 1422.

[2] See note to No. 34.

[3] See note to No. 794.

[4] Governor of Plymouth.

[5] See note to No. 143.

[6] The Anne, a 3rd rate, had been blown up by accident at Sheerness, 2 Dec. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 269). She is not to be confused with the Anne yacht.

1442. [p. 180.] 4 *Apr.*, '9 and ½ at night.' *S. P. to Mr. Hayter.*[3]—The board may order the Swan to Sheerness, since it is necessary for her despatch to her station. Will move the lords for their approval on Monday [1445].

1443. [p. 181.] *Sunday*, 5 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Pyend.*[4]—Will order supplies of all sorts for his going to Harwich [1432, 1445], which will be but a short work, so doubts not but his men will be contented to do it, being sure of their pay when they have done and some consideration for extra work [1455, 1456].

1444. [p. 181.] *Sunday*, 5 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Reade.*[5]—As soon as he brings up his ship to Deptford, he is to attend the lords and the navy board for further orders.

1445. [p. 181.] 6 *Apr.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—They are to fit the Ruby to go to Harwich [1443], though has no particulars of Captain Pyend's wants but ballast and water, to be furnished from the master attendant at Chatham, and victuals, which he saith will suffice him to receive at Harwich. He wants a boat for carrying down his men from Rochester, and has applied to Sir Jeremy Smyth[6] for it without success. The lords approve the Swan's going to Sheerness [1442].

1446. [p. 182.] 6 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Poole.*[7]—Leave to stay in town 4 or 5 days longer.

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[1] See note to No. 209.

[2] See note to No. 1408.

[3] See note to No. 418.

[4] Commander of the Ruby [1427]. See note to No. 656.

[5] Commander of the Morning Star [46].

[6] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

[7] See note to No. 1322.

1447. [p. 182.] *S. P. to the Duke of York.*—Presents copies of Captain Rooth's letters just now arrived. 'We are from day to day paying off of ships, so that I hope (money holding out) a little time will put an end to all the growing charge his Majesty is at this day on ships already come in.'

1448. [p. 182.] 10 *Apr.* *S. P. to Mr. Richards.*[1]—Has acquainted Lord Arlington[2] that the navy board have by order of the lords wrote 4 days since to their correspondent at Dover, who is making the best provision the place will afford for answering Lord Duras's desire [1433]. 'I return you the enclosed, that you may please to answer as my Lord [Arlington] shall think fit the other part which concerns the sending of Dutch and Spanish passports for what vessels my Lord Duras[3] shall have occasion to take up beyond what shall be provided for him from England.'

1449. [p. 183.] 11 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Roscarrock,*[4] at Scilly.—Hopes that money is arrived and paid to his company, and they in a condition to be transported to Ireland. Desires him to send up the evidence for his charge against Captain Harris [1450].

1450. [p. 183.] 11 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Harris,*[5] Success, at Scilly.—If Captain Roscarrock's report is to be relied upon concerning the difference between them [1449], at his return he will find the lords very little satisfied with his deportment in that matter, especially when it shall be added to the other [1296], to which he has not hitherto thought fit to make answer. He is to deliver the men he is now taking in for Ireland, and return thence to Plymouth [1290, 1342].

1451. [p. 184.] 'Sunday morning,' 12 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Wright.*[6]—To receive on board him Edward Backwell, Esq., and his company, and transport them to the Brill in Holland, in order to his receiving on board such moneys as he shall direct,[7] returning into the river of Thames or such other port as he shall direct [1452, 1453].

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[1] Mr. John Richards was clerk to Lord Arlington (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index).

[2] See note to No. 1119.

[3] See note to No. 1433.

[4] MS. 'Rascarrocke.'

[5] See note to No. 353.

[6] Commander of the Kitchen yacht. See note to No. 66.

[7] Mr. Alderman Backwell, a celebrated London goldsmith, was a frequent intermediary in the money transactions between Charles II.

1452. [p. 184.] 'Sunday morning,' 12 *Apr.* *S. P. to Alderman Backwell*[1] [1451, 1453].—Encloses a warrant for a yacht to attend him, with the number of days left blank. The Anne is not returned, nor any other yacht in the River but the Merlin, which is appointed to carry over my lord marshal [1454].

1453. [p. 185.] 13 *Apr.*, 'at 7 in the morning.'—*S. P. to the Officers of the Ordnance.*—It being too early to obtain a warrant from the king or the lords, and the Kitchen yacht being bound to sea this very day [1451] with Alderman Backwell for fetching over some money for his Majesty,[1] the writer desires them to supply her with what ammunition, small arms, &c., they think expedient. Will procure a warrant for it some time this day.

1454. [p. 185.] 13 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Baker.*[2]—To attend my lord marshal 6 or 7 days after his arrival at the port in Flanders where he shall desire to land. This done, he is to return into the River, putting on shore at Calais, or any other port in France, such part of his company as his lordship shall direct.

1455. [p. 185.] 14 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Pyend,*[3] Ruby, at Harwich.—Will acquaint the officers of the navy with his want of men [1443, 1456].

1456. [p. 186.] 14 *Apr.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Ruby hath but 190 men belonging to her, and the new ship cannot be sailed with less than 150 [1455, 1466]. His Majesty presseth earnestly that the Deptford ketch may be gone on her voyage to Marseilles; they are therefore to quicken the officers of the yard in her refitting.

1457. [p. 186.] 14 *Apr.* *S. P. to Commissioner Deane*[4] [1377].—Is not able yet to overcome the objections of the king and the lord treasurer 'to the undertaking any new works till his Majesty hath in some measure got over the

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and Louis XIV. which took place after the treaty of Dover. For particulars of his career see *D. N. B.* ii. 321.

[1] See preceding note.

[2] Captain Jacob Baker, commander of the Merlin yacht [1452]. Pepys's *Register* gives two other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 320).

[3] See note to No. 656.

[4] See note to No. 34.

debt which remains on him upon the old; though both of them as well as his Royal Highness' and the lords 'do well agree to the importance it is of to his Majesty that no time be lost in the supplying our present want of naval force by the building of more ships. Nor have I spared to urge the easiness of the terms upon which you seem ready to embrace the undertaking as to what concerns your payments, but neither will that do (at least at present), though I hope so soon as the present growing charge is a little further cut off (in which, blessed be God, a good step hath been in a little time made by the paying off of so many ships), our prospect of things in the navy will become a little more pleasant, and his Majesty be in condition to entertain with more satisfaction the discourse of building of ships.' The lords give him leave to come to town.

1458. [p. 187.] 17 *Apr. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has shown his Highness[1] and my lord privy seal[2] the draught of the contract intended with Sir Thomas Clutterbuck[3] 'in the terms which upon our late debates thereon you have now sent it; whereto Sir Thomas Clutterbuck hath by discourse made one present objection—viz. the lowness of the allowance his Majesty is thereby to make towards the loss arising upon victuals provided by him by any declaration of his Majesty's, and not seasonably taken from him—urging therein the disadvantageousness of the terms which he must be driven to accept for the said provisions (if otherwise to be sold) in that country, more than what the English market doth require to the contractor here. Which objection in particular, as well as what others (if any) Sir Thomas Clutterbuck shall upon perusal of the contract (which he seems to be yet a stranger to as it is now drawn) find cause to make to any part of the same, I am by their lordships' command to desire you to receive with the reasons thereof from him, and thereupon to adjust the same as near as you can by the doing full right to his Majesty with full satisfaction to Sir Thomas Clutterbuck, and report the same to my lords.'

1459. [p. 187.] 17 *Apr. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[4]—Pursuant to Lord Craven's[1] desires, has presented to the lords some days since two orders successively about providing a vessel for carrying the mutineers he mentions down to the Cambridge in the Downs, but they have not thought fit to sign them, as they are not persons in sea pay nor at this time within the custody of the admiralty. Concerning which, having this morning moved his Highness Prince Rupert and my lord privy seal[2] once more (Lord Craven being present), they will sign another order for transporting the said men with 3 more of the regiment under Colonel Russell's command, my Lord Craven having informed them that the men are not now to be sent as prisoners but only as soldiers for the garrison of Tangier, as the rest of the soldiers now on board the Cambridge and Crown are [1423, 1464].

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[1] Prince Rupert.

[2] The Earl of Anglesey.

[3] For victualling in the Mediterranean. It is dated 31 Dec., 1674 (vol. i. p. 165 *supra*). See also note to No. 1166.

[4] Secretary at war [1392].

1460. [p. 188.] 17 *Apr.* *S. P. to Colonel Rooke*, near Canterbury.—The king and lords will direct nothing that may tend to the diminution of Captain Rooke's[3] right, and therefore if Captain Binning in the Swan have the present command in chief while they are together, it is due to the quality of his ship and seniority of his command in the service [1471, 1472].

1461. [p. 189.[4]] 17 *Apr.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*[5] —Desires to know if he is satisfied with the subscriber of the enclosed letter, that the lords may either remove or continue the stop which is put to his payment, upon the score of his supposed misbehaviour towards him.

1462. [p. 188.] 18 *Apr.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[6]— Doubts there will hardly be an opportunity for Captain Tapson's having employment this summer,[7] 'in regard of the great retrenchment his Majesty intends in his naval charge, which will admit of keeping but a few ships abroad.' Encloses orders for the Pearl to come to Portsmouth to refit [1463].

1463. [p. 188.[8]] 18 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Booth*,[9] Pearl, at Plymouth.—Has received his of the 12th, intimating his arrival at Plymouth, and encloses orders for his coming to Portsmouth to be supplied with such necessaries as his ship stands in need of.

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[1] See note to No. 427.
[2] The Earl of Anglesey.
[3] See note to No. 1405.
[4] Out of order in the MS.
[5] Comptroller of the navy. *D. N. B.* i. 332.
[6] Governor of Plymouth.
[7] The Mermaid, Tapson's ship, was about to be paid off [1489].
[8] This letter is entered again on p. 191.
[9] See note to No. 1077.

1464. [p. 189.] 19 *Apr. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has advertised the secretary at war of their letter, that the men may be at Tower Wharf at 9 to-morrow morning, to be received on board either the Royal Escape itself or some boat to be provided for the carrying them down to her at Deptford [1459, 1465].

1465. [p. 189.] 19 *Apr. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[1]—The Royal Escape (Captain Augustine Burch[2]), which lies at Deptford, is designed by the navy board for carrying the 8 persons to the Downs [1464]. They are to be at Tower Wharf at 9 to-morrow morning.

1466. [p. 190.] 20 *Apr. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will obtain the order of the lords for what they propose concerning the Newcastle's men to be employed to help bring about the new ship at Harwich [1456], but there is not a yacht at present in the River for carrying them about to Harwich, unless the Navy yacht may be employed therein [1487]. Will move the lords for the increase of the complement of the Deptford ketch as they propose, and acquaint them with their opinion concerning Sir Robert Robinson's[3] desires for contingent money, and a small vessel to attend him; though in this latter, since the lords' order therein, his Royal Highness doth not intend the Castle frigate shall return with the Diamond but shall proceed on another service. As to the vessels gone and going to Dieppe for bringing over the 150 horse, the writer has spoken with the Duke of Monmouth and several of Lord Duras's[4] officers concerning the report of their marching to Calais to be shipped there, but it appears a mistake; they are therefore to despatch the other two vessels yet behind unto Dieppe. It being probable that some (if not all) of the ships named in the margin will require it, to which ports should they be ordered to be refitted as part of the summer guard?

Margin: Henrietta, Dartmouth, Norwich, Success.

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[1] Secretary at war [1392].

[2] So in the MS. Pepys's *Register* gives 'Augustine Birtch' (*supra*, vol. i. p. 325), and Charnock, 'Augustus Birch' (*Biog. Nav.* i. 329).

[3] See note to No. 1367.

[4] See note to No. 1433.

1467. [p. 191.] 21 *Apr.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Thanks for his account of the 17th of the arrival of several of the king's ships at his port. Presumes they are by this time all come away to the eastward.

1468. [p. 191.] 21 *Apr.* *S. P. to Sir Richard Munden.*[2]—Leave to come to town.

1469. [p. 191.] 21 *Apr.* *S. P. to Mr. Fowell*, vice-admiral of Devon.—Thanks for his advice of the 14th of the vessel driven in at Hope, near Salcombe [1479, 1482]. Believes it will prove to belong to the lord admiral, but if disputed the lords will not interpose, but leave it be decided in the High Court of Admiralty. Desires to know the occasion of her being left in that condition, and whether any of the Success's people were on board her.

1470. [p. 192.] 21 *Apr.* *S. P. to the Commissioners of the Customs.*—To send up passes from the Prince of Orange for the two ships going to attend the Iceland fishery [1371].

1471. [p. 192.] 22 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, at Sheerness.—Will write such a letter to his lieutenant as will induce him to take care for the better minding his duty; unless he has any particular crimes to lay to his charge it will not appear so just to have him removed [1513]. As to his want of men, neither the king nor lords 'think it advisable that in a time of peace, and so little action as we now have on our hands, the power of pressing should be made use of.'

Postscript.—Encloses orders for his proceeding to Iceland, with a blank pass from the States General of the United Provinces, which he is to see filled up in Dutch with his own name, the ship's, and the voyage he is designed for [1371, 1470].

1472. [p. 192.] 22 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Rooke*,[3] Holmes, Hope.—Encloses orders for Iceland and a blank pass [1470].

1473. [p. 192.] 22 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Country*,[4] Roebuck, Hope.—Has received his of the 19th from the buoy of the Nore. Three months' victuals are ordered him; he is to send notice when it is on board.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 1014.

[3] See note to No. 1405.

[4] See note to No. 1273.

1474. [p. 193.] 22 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Carter*, Crown, Downs.—Orders were sent some days since for completing him and Captain Herbert[1] to three months' victuals [1399, 1400].

1475. [p. 193.] 23 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain James*, Foresight, Downs.—To come to Deptford to be paid off and laid up for the summer.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Leonard of the George dogger, to Deptford; Captain Tosier of the Stavoreen, to Deptford; Captain Colt of the Hunter, to Deptford.'

1476. [p. 193.] 23 *Apr.* *S. P. to Mr. Fownes.*[2]—Has been applied to by letter from Mr. Evelyn[3] on behalf of the bearer, Goodman Weekes, who happens to have been in the number of the labourers of the yard which were lately discharged, and hath made use of Mr. Evelyn's friendship and some others of quality to prevail with the writer to write for his being restored to the yard. This he cannot properly do so long as the number is full, but 'in consideration of Mr. Evelyn's request, and more particularly of his having for many years past served as labourer in the yard, I am willing so far to appear in it as to desire that, unless there be any special objection against the man,' he be remembered in case of an increase or a vacancy.

1477. [p. 194.] 24 *Apr.* *S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[4]—The master-builder of Chatham Yard has not as yet heard anything of the shot some time since ordered for ballasting the new yacht there, which is to be launched on Monday next,[5] where his Majesty means to be present [1478].

1478. [p. 194.] 24 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Gunman.*[6]—The king intends on Sunday next to go down to Chatham, so he is to have his yacht in a readiness to sail [1477].

1479. [p. 194.] 24 *Apr.* *S. P. to the Commissioners*

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[1] See note to No. 1142.

[2] See note to No. 910.

[3] *D. N. B.* xviii. 79.

[4] Master-general of the ordnance. *D. N. B.* x. 231.

[5] The Katherine yacht, built at Chatham by Phineas Pett (*supra*, vol. i. p. 294).

[6] Commander of the Anne yacht [1573].

for taking care of the Admiralty rights in prize.[1]—Sends an account from Mr. Fowell, vice-admiral of Devon, of a vessel come in thither [1469], with the examinations relating thereto, in order to their disposing thereof [1492].

1480. [p. 194.] 25 *Apr.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks for his of the 24th, and for his notice of the arrival of his Majesty's ships in his port.

1481. [p. 195.] 25 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Herbert.*[3]—In case a vessel undermentioned bound for Tangier and Argeir shall come into the Downs before he sails, he is to convoy her, her master being under apprehensions from the Sallee men-of-war.

1482. [p. 195.] 25 *Apr.* *S. P. to Mr. John Ritchers*[4] *and Mr. Robert Chichester*, at the prize office in Plymouth.—To apply to Mr. Fowell, vice-admiral of Devon, for directions concerning the ship Bachelor, lately come into Plymouth.

1483. [p. 195.] 25 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Booth,*[5] Pearl, at Portsmouth.—The king and lords leave the number of his men to the navy board, so unless he can satisfy them he cannot expect an increase.

1484. [p. 196.] 30 *Apr.* *S. P. to Captain Temple*, Adventure, Downs.—Has received his letters from St. Antonio, Plymouth, and the Downs, and is glad to hear of his safe arrival with his convoys. The merchants concerned will send a vessel to the Downs to bring up the money he has on board. Encloses orders to go to Portsmouth [1487].

1485. [p. 196.] 30 *Apr.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[6]—Leave to come to town.

1486. [p. 196.] 30 *Apr.* *S. P. to Mr. Moore*, master attendant, Portsmouth.—The Pearl is to be refitted and supplied with stores, and the Mermaid is to be paid off; concerning both which he will hear from the officers of the navy. It is about a month since his Majesty signed a warrant for William Keemer to be boatswain of the Mermaid in the room of the former deceased

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[1] See *supra*, vol. i. p. 38, note 5.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See note to No. 1142.

[4] Indexed by Pepys as 'Richers.'

[5] See note to No. 1077.

[6] See note to No. 80.

[1387]; presumes he will be suddenly down to look after his business.

1487. [p. 197.] 30 *Apr. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will present the lords at their next meeting with the articles they sent of the lieutenant of the Swan against his commander, and move them concerning the allowance to the Bristol for necessaries for sick and wounded men. The Adventure is ordered to Portsmouth to be paid off [1484], and in case the Henrietta, Norwich, and Dartmouth require to be brought into port [1466], the writer will move the lords that they be ordered as the board desires. The king approves of what they propose, that the Navy and Richmond yachts and the Royal Escape be employed to carry Captain Wetwang[1] and his company to Harwich [1466].

1488. [p. 197.] 30 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[2] Pearl, Portsmouth.—Leave to come to town for 3 or 4 days.

1489. [p. 197.] 30 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Tapson,* Mermaid, Portsmouth.—His ship is to be paid off.

1490. [p. 198.] 30 *Apr. S. P. to Mr. Fowell,* vice-admiral of Devon.—Has sent the papers he received from him to the commissioners for the admiral's rights [1479] for transmission to the admiralty court, and presumes they will take all fitting care for prosecuting the admiral's right to the ship and her lading. Hears that the master of her (Mr. Idle) hath obtained an order from the king in council for referring the examination of his pretences to the lords.

1491. [p. 198.] 30 *Apr. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[3]—Is glad the new ship at Harwich hath been so well launched.[4] Presumes the officers of the navy will hasten away Captain Wetwang[1] and his company thither [1466, 1487]; they have been ordered by the lords to imprest 100*l.* to Captain Taylor[5] for the contingent charges relating thereunto.

1492. [p. 198.] 30 *Apr. S. P. to Captain Clements,*

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[1] See note to No. 1422.

[2] See note to No. 1077.

[3] See note to No. 34.

[4] The Harwich, a 3rd rate of 993 tons and 70 guns, was a new departure in English shipbuilding (see vol. i. p. 226, *supra*).

[5] See note to No. 261.

Greyhound, at Portsmouth.—Encloses orders for him to come into the river of Thames. He is not to doubt the writer's fitting friendship about the St. Peter galliot [1334].

1493. [p. 199.] 30 *Apr. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*,[1] in the Downs.—At his coming back from Chatham (where he has been for some days attending his Majesty [1478]), the writer has met with his of the 26th and 29th from the Downs, and is extremely glad of his being well arrived there. He is designed to continue abroad this summer as that part of the summer guard which is to lie in the Channel, having under his command the Norwich and Roebuck. If he needs anything that cannot be supplied him where he is, the king will order him to Portsmouth, for taking off some provisions which lie there ready more than what any ships to be set out thence are likely to expend; but if his wants be only boatswain's stores and provisions they can be furnished from 'this town' or Dover. He is to consider the same with regard to the Norwich [1495]. Presumes the Roebuck will in a day or two be in the Downs.

Postscript.—Has enclosed a warrant for the Dartmouth to refit at Portsmouth. Desires a word touching her condition [1495].

1494. [p. 200.] 5 *May. S. P. to Mr. Fowell.*[2]—Will acquaint the lords with the information he sends concerning the goods taken out of the ship put into Hope [1469]. Presumes the commissioners for the admiral's rights are endeavouring the recovery of the vessel for his Majesty's use.

1495. [p. 200.] 5 *May. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1]—Encloses orders for his going to Portsmouth together with the Norwich [1493]. Hopes the orders stopping the Dartmouth going to Portsmouth and directing her into the River came before she sailed from the Downs [1493]. The navy board will consider increasing his complement of men.

1496. [p. 201.] 5 *May. S. P. to Mr. Pett.*[3]—Leave to come about in the Katherine yacht[4] to try her.

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[1] See note to No. 1071.

[2] Vice-admiral of Devon [1469].

[3] Mr. Pett of Chatham [1477]. See note to No. 504.

[4] See note to No. 1477.

1497. [p. 201.] 5 *May. S. P. to Captain London.*[1]—His ship is ordered to Portsmouth, along with Sir John Narbrough, for victuals and stores [1495]. The lords approve his discharging his lieutenant at his desire, but it being time of peace and his complement small, the writer believes that no other will be sent down to him. Will move his Majesty for another cook to be appointed him in the room of the one he now has who desires to be discharged.

1498. [p. 201.] 5 *May. S. P. to Colonel Slingesby,*[2] Portsmouth.—Forgot to send the print[3] he mentions; will have it supplied by sending for it to the place he directs.

1499. [p. 201.] 5 *May. S. P. to Captain Country,*[4] Roebuck, Downs.—Has received his, giving notice of his arrival in the Downs; to continue there till further order.

1500. [p. 202.] 6 *May. Reference upon the petition of Thomas Arundel, &c.*—Praying the taking off of an R.[5] said by mistake to have been set upon them in one particular book and no more. Referred to the officers of the navy to consider and report to the lords.

1501. [p. 202.] 7 *May. S. P. to Mr. Secretary Coventry.*[6]—This is to serve as a memorial of what the lord treasurer communicated to him the other day from his Majesty, touching his pleasure that a warrant be prepared to authorise the lords to forbear the putting to sale the White Fox prize, included in the privy seal lately passed for the sale of several old vessels, and to empower them to order the navy board to deliver her to Sir Thomas Allin,[7] the comptroller of the navy, as a free gift, with her furniture according to the inventory enclosed [1502].

1502. [p. 202.] 7 *May. Inventory of the White Fox prize.*—The hull about 250 tons with the masts, yards, standing and running rigging (except the rigging of the mizen topmast): 4 cables, viz. 2 best bower, 1 small bower, and 1 sheet, whereof 2 new, the other one quarter worn: 2 hawsers,[1] viz. one of 5 inches, 60 fathoms, one of 3 inches, 65 fathoms, ¼ worn: 4 anchors: one suit of sails to the yards, ⅓ worn: one spare suit of sails with bonnets[2] to them, new: 3 copper kettles, a brass pot, skillet, and frying-pan: a long-boat with mast, sprit, sail, and oars: two buoys and buoy ropes: 2 poop lanterns: an iron crow, canhooks,[3] and handspikes: compasses and watch-glasses. *Per* Geo. Rennady, tide-surveyor. *Ex* [*aminatus*] *per* John Shales.

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[1] Commander of the Norwich [1351].

[2] Colonel Walter Slingesby had been recently dismissed from the post of storekeeper at Portsmouth (see No. 1133).

[3] The margin refers to a 'printed paper.'

[4] See note to No. 1273.

[5] See note to No. 1358.

[6] See note to No. 1226.

[7] *D. N. B.* i. 332.

1503. [p. 203.] 7 *May. S. P. to Lord Ambassador Lockhart.*[4]—A yacht is to be ready for him at Leith at the time he pleases.

1504. [p. 203.] 9 *May. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[5] Downs.—Will give him the directions he demands from his Majesty how he is to behave himself in case a squadron of ships should appear to him, and how in reference to the treating the King of France's ships, when the king hath debated it with some of the lords of the council in the committee of foreign affairs, where the writer is commanded to attend his Majesty to-morrow [1523]. Presumes his next is to meet him at Portsmouth.

1505. [p. 203.] 9 *May. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, Portsmouth.—To make haste in refitting his ship to carry the Duke of Ormonde[6] to Ireland.

1506. [p. 204.] 9 *May. S. P. to Captain Harris,*[7] Success, Portsmouth.—Yesterday came his of the 6th from Spithead, signifying his arrival there from Ireland. He is to hasten to bring his ship about to Sheerness, and in the meantime to prepare a journal of each day's proceedings since his departure, and a strict account of his ship and stores to inform the officers of the navy in all things needful for his refitting to sea.

1507. [p. 204.] 12 *May. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The lords have considered their report on the ticket office [1379], and will give them their resolutions upon it so soon as they have communicated them to the king. When shall the writer wait upon them to consider jointly the draught of the establishment to be made upon Mr. Speaker's[1] late proposition touching the methods of payment? Is to meet Sir Thomas Allin[2] and Sir Jeremy Smyth[3] on another occasion at the navy office this night at 7, and will bring the board's report with him, that he may be ready to answer the lords to-morrow in what they desire of having the particulars set down wherein the present improvement of the ancient method principally lies.

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[1] MS. 'halsers.'

[2] An additional piece of canvas laced to the sail to catch more wind (Murray, *English Dictionary*, i. 986).

[3] A contrivance for slinging casks (*ibid.* ii. 68).

[4] Sir William Lockhart, the diplomatist, was at this time English ambassador at Paris (*D. N. B.* xxxiv. 52).

[5] See note to No. 1071.

[6] *D. N. B.* viii. 52.

[7] See note to No. 353.

1508. [p. 205.] 12 *May. S. P. to Captain Stepney,* Drake.—Encloses orders for his sailing into the Hope. His Majesty intends to go down the River to-morrow to try the new yachts, and would have him be ready with the Drake to sail down along with him. It is now under consideration before the lord treasurer, by direction of the lords, concerning the providing some pay for his men before they go to sea.

1509. [p. 205.] 12 *May. S. P. to Captain Country,*[4] Roebuck, Downs.—Thanks for his account of the 9th of what passes in the Downs, and desires him to continue it as anything of moment shall present.

1510. [p. 205.] 12 *May. S. P. to Captain Wetwang,*[5] Harwich.—Has received his of the 9th, and is glad the Harwich is in so good a readiness to come about [1466]. As soon as she is within Sheerness, in case the wind do not serve for her present coming up, he is to return with his company to the Newcastle to get her ready for her voyage to Newfoundland.

1511. [p. 205.] 12 *May. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[6]—Thanks for his account of the 8th of the arrival of the Eagle and several merchant ships in his port.

1512. [p. 206.] 12 *May. S. P. to Captain Delavall,*[7]

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[1] See note to No. 281.

[2] Comptroller of the navy. *D. N. B.* i. 332.

[3] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

[4] See note to No. 1273.

[5] See note to No. 1050.

[6] Governor of Plymouth.

[7] Afterwards Sir Ralph Delavall. For particulars of his career see *D. N. B.* xiv. 317. The account there given of his commands can be corrected from Pepys's *Register of Sea Officers* (vol. i. p. 344 *supra*).

Eagle, Downs.—Has received his from Plymouth, and is glad to hear of his safe return to England [1536]. Encloses orders for him to bring the Eagle up to Deptford, as he desires. The carpenter he recommends for her in room of the former, deceased, must produce a certificate of ability from some master shipwright.

1513. [p. 206.] 12 *May. S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, Yarmouth.—He is not to let his difference with his lieutenant [1471] interrupt the king's service, 'remembering that as both his Majesty and my lords of the admiralty will have too much regard to the preservation of discipline to give countenance to any undutiful behaviour in an inferior towards a superior officer, so nothing will give so great an authority to the credit of your lieutenant's present articles and complaints than if in the present voyage you shall by any expressions either of revenge or other passion give him the advantage thereof for proving any part of the allegations he hath lately exhibited to my lords of the admiralty concerning you.'

As to what he lately desired, touching directions for his behaviour in the rescuing[1] of ships taken by the enemy, the lords refer him to his general instructions, well knowing his discretion to be such as not to give any unnecessary occasion of difference between the ships of the States General and himself, by contending with them upon the score of any acts of hostility passed before the expiration of the time limited in the places he is going to for the determination of the war. Besides it is to be presumed that none of the fishermen or other vessels gone forth since the peace are unprovided with passes [1272, 1371].

1514. [p. 207.] 12 *May. S. P. to Captain Harman*,[2] Bristol.—To entertain Mr. Wells as chaplain of the Bristol in her present voyage.

1515. [p. 207.] 13 *May. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—At the desire of the Master and Wardens of the Trinity House, the Navy yacht and the Royal Escape are to be assigned for attending such of the Brethren as are designed for the laying down of the sands [1521].

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[1] MS. 'risqueing.'

[2] Captain William Harman, commander of the Bristol (*supra*, vol. i. p. 360). See note to No. 482.

1516. [p. 207.] 13 *May. S. P. to Mr. Maddockes.*[1]—To attend the lords on Saturday morning at 9 about the business of the Chest.

1517. [p. 208.] 14 *May. S. P. to Captain Shales.*[2]—The lords being acquainted by the supervisors of the Chest that there remains in his hands 500*l.* belonging to the Poor's Chest at Chatham which he has delayed paying in notwithstanding several applications, he is to attend them on Saturday morning next.

1518. [p. 208.] 14 *May. S. P. to Mr. Waith.*[3]—To attend the lords at their office at Derby House, in Channel Row, on Saturday morning next, the 16th, at 9 o'clock, about the business of the Chest.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Fenn.'[3]

1519. [p. 208.] 14 *May. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[4] at Cadiz.—He is not blamed for the loss of the ships under his convoy taken by the enemy, which is wholly attributed to their separation from him by bad weather. In consequence of the peace, encloses orders for his present return to England without keeping his squadron waiting at Cadiz for the ships from Alicante and Argeir, which probably may be kept within the Straits by contrary winds.

1520. [p. 209.] 15 *May. S. P. to Mr. Robert Swann.*—The lords being informed by the bearer, Mr. Boatman, that he is able to give them some information in some matters of great importance to his Majesty [1528], he is to attend them to-morrow morning at 10.

1521. [p. 209.] 15 *May. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The lords, upon perusal of the board's late report touching Colonel Strode's[5] proposition of having a ship from the king upon the terms by him propounded of undertaking at his own charge to transport his Majesty's subjects from Surinam, have thought fit to respite the determining anything therein until the whole business come to be put in execution, which cannot be done till the return of the person which his Majesty designs speedily to send to that place. Desires to know how far the board assents to the appointing of the Navy yacht and putting the Royal Escape again into pay to attend the Brethren of the Trinity House who are going upon the inquiry after the new sands to the northward [1515]. Upon perusal of the enclosed letter from the captain of the Garland, they are to consider whether any stores must be sent her to bring her home; and to inform themselves what merchant ship is bound first to the Barbados, that orders for calling home the Garland may be sent by her [1536]. They are to report on the reasonableness of Captain Poole's[1] desire to have some moneys impressed to him for paying the short allowance money which shall grow due to the St. David in the voyage on which she is designed [1536]. Captain Wetwang[2] is ordered to the Newcastle when the Harwich is within Sheerness, leaving her to be carried up as the board shall direct [1510].

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[1] See note to No. 1313.
[2] See vol. i. pp. 73 and 79 *supra.*
[3] See note to No. 1559.
[4] See notes to Nos. 792 and 1229.
[5] Governor of Dover Castle.

1522. [p. 210.] 15 *May.* *S. P. to Captain Roome Coyle.*[3]—The service he is at present designed for is only for the entertaining of the soldiers which are to lie on board him for the service of the fort at Sheerness. The officers of the navy are directed to consider how much a yet less number of men than what he has will suffice him for that use.

1523. [p. 211.] 16 *May.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4]—Encloses his Majesty's directions under his own hand for his behaviour in case he meet with foreign ships, as upon full debate thereof at a council on Sunday night last it was then resolved [1504]. His ship the Henrietta and the Norwich are ordered to be refitted and victualled for 4 months [1525].

1524. [p. 211.] 16 *May.* *S. P. to Captain Booth,*[5] Pearl, Portsmouth.—Is glad his ship is in so good a forwardness. The officers of the navy are to supply him with 3 months' victuals.

1525. [p. 211.] 16 *May.* *S. P. to Captain London,* Norwich, Portsmouth.—His ship is to be cleaned, refitted, and victualled for 4 months.

1526. [p. 212.] 16 *May.* *S. P. to Captain Herbert.*[6]—Has received his of the 12th from the Spithead, and in answer sends enclosed the king's directions in what he desires to be informed in concerning the French, and also the general instructions he desires [1540]. There being no certain peace yet with Sallee, he is to do as he thinks fit till he shall have obtained some certainty of the terms on which we stand with those of that place, which will be, if not sooner, at his arrival at Tangier.

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[1] See note to No. 1322.

[2] See note to No. 1050.

[3] See note to No. 579.

[4] See note to No. 1071.

[5] See note to No. 1077.

[6] See note to No. 1142.

1527. [p. 212.] 16 *May. S. P. to Captain Guy.*[1]—When he sails to Rye, as ordered, to transport Lord Cornbury,[2] he is to receive on board at Greenwich Mr. William Doul and Mr. William Cooke and a servant, and carry them with him to Dieppe.

1528. [p. 212.] 19 *May. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Desires them to deliver to the bearer, Mr. Boatman [1520], the pay-books of the St. George for the years 1664, 1665, and 1666, as also the books belonging to her which were sent to Brooke House[3] for the said years, being in order to the making some discoveries of ill practices by some of the officers belonging to the navy [1532]. The books are to be sealed up by the seal of their office, and directed to Sir George Carteret,[4] and Edward Seymour, Esquire,[5] treasurer of the navy.

1529. [p. 213.] 19 *May. S. P. to Dr. Lloyd.*[6]—Finds from the draught of Sir Walter Walker's commission that the fee of 20 marks which was settled on him by the duke was made payable by his Royal Highness's receiver-general; 'which must in your case be altered, but into what hand to be changed, having no precedent for it (this being the first settlement of any fee that I can meet with upon the lord admiral's advocate) I shall be glad to receive your advice in.'

Postscript.—Sends the foul draught of the commission intended for him, with the transcript of the very terms wherein this fee was granted by the duke to Sir W. Walker.

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[1] On 13 April Thomas Guy had been appointed commander of the Portsmouth yacht (*supra*, vol. i. p. 358). See also note to No. 7.

[2] Henry Hyde, at this time Lord Cornbury, was Clarendon's eldest son; on his father's death in 1674 he succeeded him in the earldom of Clarendon. *D. N. B.* xxviii. 389.

[3] Brooke House had been the chief office of the commissioners of accounts (see *Diary*, Wheatley's edn. vii. 298).

[4] At this time one of the lords of the admiralty (vol. i. p. 38 *supra*).

[5] See note to No. 281.

[6] Dr., afterwards Sir, Richard Lloyd was appointed admiralty advocate in 1674 in succession to Sir Walter Walker. In 1685 he was promoted to be a judge of the admiralty court. For an account of his career see *D. N. B.* xxxiii. 430.

1530. [p. 213.] 19 *May. S. P. to the Commissioners for the Bounty.*—On examining the enclosed warrant of the lords to them touching the method of their certificates for the relations of land officers slain in his Majesty's service at sea, the writer finds the word soldiers added to that of officers through a mistake of the clerk's. Returns it rectified, that they may restrain its application to officers, leaving the ordinary soldiers to be provided for in the same manner as the relations of ordinary seamen are by their general instructions.

1531. [p. 214.] 19 *May. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[1] Pearl, Portsmouth.—The lords expect to have their late commands obeyed for discharging the man they directed, not doubting but that in a time of peace able men enough may be had without keeping a person against his will, especially while he has a master and another mate besides him.

1532. [p. 214.] 19 *May. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—In order to the discovering some foul dealing [1528], desires copies of two of the Adventure's books in order to their being put into the hands of the person who propounds the discovery, whose name is at his desire for the present concealed. The books are :- One begun 1 Jan., 1670, another begun 14 Nov., 1671.

1533. [p. 215.] 21 *May. S. P. to Captain Skelton.*[2]—Has received his letters from Mount's Bay and Plymouth. Encloses orders for him to come to Deptford.

1534. [p. 215.] 21 *May. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will communicate to the lords their opinion concerning the payment of the short allowance money that will become due to the St. David's company in her present voyage [1521] ; and likewise their draught of instructions for the husband of the galley at Leghorn ; and also what they propose that the Arms of Rotterdam be carried about to Chatham by some of the French Ruby's men, and the Richmond yacht sent down to fetch them up to her. Will move the king concerning Richard Adams, whom they recommend to be gunner of the galley at Leghorn. Thanks them for their notice of the ship bound to Barbados, by whom orders shall be sent for the coming home of the Garland; desires to know whether she must have some stores sent her by this ship for the bringing her home [1521, 1535, 1536]; also in what time the Europa will be ready to sail for Tangier, that the writer may send orders for the sailing of the Bristol and Drake [1555], out of whose companies he supposes they intend to furnish some men to the Europa.

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[1] See note to No. 1077.

[2] Captain Charles Skelton, commander of the Speedwell ; see note to No. 44.

1535. [p. 216.] 21 *May. S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[1]—Captain Wyborne, commander of the Garland at the Barbados, writes that he is 'extraordinary bare' of gunner's stores, as having neither powder nor shot to defend himself with, nor any supply to be had there [1534, 1536]. If he judges it needful to send any for her better security in coming home, the Happy Adventure, Samuel Tatham,[2] master, now lying at Deptford, sails on Saturday morning next [1534].

1536. [p. 217.[3]] 21 *May. S. P. to Captain Wyborne*, Garland, at Barbados.—Has received his letters, the last by Captain Delavall.[4] Is sorry his ship is like to be so much prejudiced by the worm; for preventing any further damage to her, encloses orders for his return [1534]. If the master of the ordnance cannot send him gunner's stores, hopes he will get some small recruit at Barbados [1535].

1537. [p. 216.] 22 *May. S. P. to Captain Wright.*[5]—To transport the Earl of Shrewsbury[6] to Calais instead of Sir John Duteil[7] (who is not yet ready) to Dieppe, returning into the river of Thames.

1538. [p. 217.] 23 *May. The same to the same.*—Understands this morning that Lord Shrewsbury will not be so soon ready, but that sending him to Calais will hazard the disappointing of Sir John Duteil. He is therefore to pursue his former orders [1537].

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[1] Master-general of the ordnance. *D. N. B.* x. 231.

[2] MS. 'Tatam.'

[3] Out of order in the MS.

[4] See note to No. 1512.

[5] Captain William Wright, commander of the Kitchen yacht; see note to No. 66.

[6] *D. N. B.* lv. 301

[7] See note to No. 1023.

1539. [p. 217.] 23 *May*. *S. P. to Captain Pinn,* Dartmouth, Portsmouth.—Encloses him the general instructions. He is not to wear a flag while the Duke of Ormonde is on board him [1505], it being not usual in such cases.[1]

1540. [p. 218.] 23 *May*. *S. P. to Captain Herbert,*[2] Cambridge, Plymouth.—Sends a copy of his orders, sent too late to Portsmouth, together with the printed general instructions [1526].

1541. [p. 218.] 23 *May*. *S. P. to Captain Pyend,*[3] Ruby, Chatham.—His ship is to be paid off.

1542. [p. 218.] 23 *May*. *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4]—Doubts not orders are arrived at Portsmouth for his victualling. If he be not sailed, Sir Richard Munden[5] is to complete his victuals to 3 months. Encloses the printed general instructions for Captains Booth, London, and Pinn.[6] Will remember Gunner Hodges when a vacancy happens; at present knows of none, nor hears anything of what he mentions concerning the gunner of the Lion being suspended.

1543. [4 small pp., 2 written mainly in shorthand[7] and 2 blank. Slipped in but not fastened between p. 218 and p. 219.] 23 *May*. 'Sent by an express at 1 o'clock at noon.'—*S. P. to Mr. Baylie.* 'My lords of the *admiralty*, having this day been *advertised* by the *principal officers* and *commissioners* of the navy that ? upon ? personal ? inspection on behalf of his *Majesty* [by the] *Surveyor*, of the ship you are now by contract building for him,[8] [he] doth upon *very* good ground express great *jealousy* of the great danger the said ship may be exposed to of hazarding wrong in her *launching* ? if more *and* better preparations be not *effectually* made for her security therein than you ? describe to him; and my *lords* thereupon ? deliberating not ? only upon the *general dangerousness* of the place at which the same *is built*, [but also] in particular the damage *sustained* by the ? miscarriage which *happened* at the launching of the *Edgar*[1] (though in a place much more secure), and the *very ill consequence* it would be of to his *Majesty* by a ship of her ? bigness happening to ? suffer ? injury, and the better *capacity* you are thought to be in to ? stop her hampering, I am by their *lordships'* command to *signify* it to you as their advice on the ? same behalf, that you do thoughtfully consider the ? importance of this matter, so as not to proceed to the launching of the said ship without ? full ? satisfaction according to your *own judgment*, together with the concurrent opinion of the said *Surveyor* and two or three of the *ablest builders about Bristol*, so as that you may be ? able [to produce] for your ? express *justification* in *case* any *evil* happen, evidence to *show* that you did not *attempt* the *launching* of the said *ship* upon your *single judgment*; and that in ? case you cannot *first satisfy* them, that then you do ? take ? care to *respite* her *launching* until you have made the matter *clear* to his *Majesty* ? what hazard of danger is ? attending it. Which with the *addition* of my particular *advice* to you as a friend to be *very circumspect* in your proceedings in this matter [1549], with ? all ? respect *to* you.—Your *very* affectionate friend.'

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[1] Ormonde was one of the lords of the admiralty (vol. i. p. 38 *supra*).

[2] See note to No. 1142.

[3] See note to No. 656.

[4] See note to No. 1071.

[5] Commander of the Assistance [858].

[6] Commanders of the Pearl [1531], Norwich [1525], and Dartmouth [1539] respectively.

[7] By the aid of an expert in shorthand the general sense of this letter has been ascertained; but some of the forms could not be deciphered with any certainty, and the suggested renderings of these are marked with notes of interrogation. The words in italics are written in longhand in the original MS. The letter may have been a rough draft written in a hurry; but it is not easy to see why it was not transcribed.

[8] The Oxford, a 4th rate (*supra*, vol. i. p. 274).

1544. [p. 219.] 26 *May. S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[2]—Desires that the estimate of the ordinary of the navy may be hastened for the lord treasurer, who designs to go to-night[3] from Windsor (where he will be to-morrow), towards the Bath, and purposes to adjust the whole business of the payments of the navy before he goes.

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[1] The Edgar, a 3rd rate, also built by Mr. Baylie at Bristol, was launched 29 July, 1668. The builder was much applauded for his excellent contrivance in fitting the cradle to launch her, and the episode passed off apparently without mishap, a spectator writing the same day 'so smooth and well-poised a launch has not been known by the ancientest artists.' But it was afterwards discovered that the fall had been too great, and the vessel had broken three of the 'lowermost ways,' and had given way a little 'in the midships' (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1667–8, pp. 511 and 517).

[2] See note to No. 655.

[3] MS. 'to rights.'

1545. [p. 219.] 26 *May. S. P. to Captain Tapson,* Mermaid, Portsmouth.—His coming to town would be useless, the service being not likely to require the setting forth any more ships this year.

1546. [p. 220.] 30 *May. S. P. to Sir John Pettus.*[1]—At his return from Windsor this evening, the writer meets with his letter of the 26th. Cannot be otherwise serviceable in the matter he mentions than by moving the lords 'that the case of your neighbourhood may have (at least) equal care taken of it with that of any other of the many places whence my lords have and do almost daily receive great importunities, and to which they have not found themselves capable of giving any other present satisfaction than by assisting the commissioners for sick and wounded in their applications to my lord treasurer for moneys.'

1547. [p. 220.] 30 *May. S. P. to Captain Harris,*[2] Success, Sheerness.—Leave to come to town for 3 or 4 days.

1548. [p. 220.] 30 *May. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—Hopes his next will advertise them of the Cambridge being quite gone.

1549. [p. 221.] 30 *May. S. P. to Mr. Baylie.*—Will acquaint the king and lords as well of his care before launching the new ship[4] by obtaining the opinion of his neighbour shipwrights touching the safety of doing it [1543], as his success therein now it is done. To use all diligence to hasten her being brought safe about to Portsmouth.

1550. [p. 221.] 30 *May. S. P. to Sir William Temple.*[5]—At his return late last night from Windsor, the writer met the king's command signified by Mr. Secretary Coventry[6] for providing a yacht to transport him into Holland. The bearer is Captain Baker,[7] commander of the Merlin, the only yacht at present in his reach. He is esteemed as able a seaman and as diligent, and his yacht as good a seaboat, as is to be chosen out of the whole number of them.

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[1] Sir John Pettus, deputy-governor of the royal mines, had been appointed in 1672 deputy-lieutenant for the county of Suffolk and deputy to the vice-admiral. In those capacities he had been instrumental in obtaining 10,000*l.* for the sick and wounded during the third Dutch war (*D. N. B.* xlv. 112). His 'neighbourhood' was probably that of Cheston Hall, Suffolk.

[2] See note to No. 353.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] See note to No. 1543.

[5] *D. N. B.* lvi. 42.

[6] See note to No. 1226.

[7] See note to No. 1454.

1551. [p. 222.] 1 *June. S. P. to Captain Wetwang.*[1]—Understanding that the Newcastle is in a condition to sail from Woolwich to Long Reach, where he will be able to despatch her works sooner, he is ordered to take the first opportunity of sailing her thither.

1552. [p. 222.] 1 *June. S. P. to Mr. Pett.*[2]—Desires an account of the condition of the boat, as the king has given the writer the use of her [1609].

1553. [p. 222.] 1 *June. S. P. to Sir Martin Wescombe,* consul at Cadiz.—The enclosed from his Majesty to the Earl of Middleton,[3] governor of Tangier, being of great import to his service, desires him to despatch it to him at the first opportunity.

1554. [p. 222.] 1 *June. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4]—Thanks him for his intelligence of 31 May. Captain Willshaw is ordered to the Downs [1556].

1555. [p 223.] 2 *June. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will acquaint the lords with the terms on which the carpenter whom they propose for the galley at Leghorn is willing to undertake that employment [1593]. Will move the king for his order to the commissioners of the customs for making the prizes lately sold by the board free ships; and also for his warrant for the carpenter they recommend for the Emsworth sloop. Desires to know in which of the yards the ships named in the margin (expected home from the Straits) should be laid up; and in particular the Reserve, she being arrived at Spithead and now coming about to the Downs. To hasten the fitting out of the Newcastle and Success for Newfoundland. Renews his former desires to them [1534] to know in what readiness the Europa is for Tangier, that orders may be issued for the Bristol and Drake, which are to accompany her. The lords desire their opinions concerning the carrying down the Unicorn to Sheerness to be employed there as a guardship in the room of the French Ruby.

Margin: Swiftsure, Dreadnought, Constant Warwick, Falcon, Reserve, Nonsuch, Richmond, Plymouth, Dover, Tiger, Well dogger; Ann and Christopher and Olive Branch fireships; Swallow, Bonadventure, Centurion.

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[1] See note to No. 1050.

[2] See note to No. 504. This is Mr. Pett of Woolwich [1609].

[3] *D.N.B.* xxxvii. 352.

[4] See note to No. 1071.

1556. [p. 223.] 2 *June.* *S. P. to Captain Willshaw,*[1] Reserve, at Portsmouth.—To come to the Downs.

1557. [p. 224.] 4 *June.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To grave all the king's yachts, and also the Saudados and Greyhound.

1558. [p. 224.] 4 *June.* *S. P. to Mr. Hayter.*[2]—John Smart and Robert Axhill having been employed in trimming up and fitting the garden belonging to the admiralty office at Derby House[3] 42 days each, between 23 March and 9 May, the writer desires the board to direct their warrant to the clerk of the check for allowing them the said time on the quarter-books; and in consideration of their extra expenses and charges, thinks that a night for each day will be but a reasonable allowance. The gardener himself will also tender a bill for his son's attendance in the overlooking and directing the work to be done, with some other small disbursements amounting to about 12*l.*; and he desiring the same may be paid him by Mr. Marlow out of the contingent money in his hands, the writer desires his correspondent to move the board therein.

1559. [p. 225.] 4 *June.* *S. P. to Mr. Waith.*[4]—The king and lords having determined that the debt due on Lord Anglesey's account to the Chest[5] may be so discharged that (with what further sum the lord treasurer is ready to supply us with), the public pay of the poor at Chatham may be held by midsummer day next, he is to attend the lords on Saturday morning at 10 as paymaster to the Earl of Anglesey, and to attend Lord Anglesey at his house in Kensington[6] to-morrow morning for adjusting accounts with him.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Fenn, cashier.'[7]

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[1] See note to No. 507.

[2] See note to No. 418.

[3] See note to No. 1012.

[4] Both Waith and Fenn were paymasters of the navy (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, index). They also appear to have been connected in some official capacity with the affairs of the Chest at Chatham (*ib.* 1672–3, p. 615; 1673, p. 206).

[5] The Earl of Anglesey had been suspended from the office of treasurer of the navy, 2 Nov. 1668 (vol. i. p. 12 *supra*). There is a reference to money 'long due' from him to the Chest as early as 2 July, 1671 (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1671, p. 358: see also pp. 364, 366).

[6] MS. 'Kingsinton.'

[7] MS. 'cashhire.'

1560. [p. 225.] 4 *June. S. P. to Mr. Newport.*—The king having commanded all his yachts to be immediately put into a condition of attending him at Portsmouth, and the Katherine being much behindhand in her furniture, the writer sends the bearer Captain Lovell, her commander, to signify this to him.

1561. [p. 226.] 5 *June. S. P. to the D*[*eputy*] *Vice-Admiral of Dorsetshire*, at Weymouth.—His Majesty having been acquainted by the French ambassador that a small prize has been lately brought into Weymouth by the Chevalier de la Borde, for the despatch of which into France the ambassador has sent down the Sieur Denise, 'from whom he hath understood that some violence hath been offered to the French mariners who were put on board the said prize, by taking away from them in the night their anchor and lantern,' he is to give his utmost assistance towards the recovery of the goods, and all friendly furtherance in the despatch of the vessel to France [1562].

1562. [p. 226.] 5 *June. S. P. to Mr. Fowell*[1] *or to his deputy at Dartmouth.*—His Majesty having been acquainted by the French ambassador that a small prize has been lately brought into Dartmouth by the Chevalier de la Borde, for the despatch of which into France the ambassador has sent down the Sieur Denise, he is to give him all friendly furtherance [1561].

1563. [p. 226.] 5 *June. S. P. to the Marquis de Ruvigny*, envoy extraordinary of the Most Christian King.—Has received his commands touching the two prizes, and sends him by the same hand orders to the Vice-Admirals of Weymouth and Dartmouth [1561 and 1562].

This letter is written in French.

1564. [p. 227.] 5 *June. S. P. to Captain Country*,[2] Roebuck, Downs.—The king is not in town, but the writer can only give it as his advice in answer to his of the 3rd that he keep strictly to his instructions, and give convoy only to the ships of the king's subjects; and as to the present case, the Swedes being under a neutrality, it is unnecessary to give them convoy. Besides it is but a very few days since a complaint was made to his Majesty in council of a liberty taken by the town of Dover to own all vessels and goods that come into their port and desire it, which if permitted, all the service he is like to be employed on will be giving protection to strangers, to the neglect of our own countrymen.

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[1] Vice-admiral of Devon [1565].

[2] See note to No. 1273.

1565. [p. 227.] 5 *June.* *S. P. to Mr. Fowell,* V[ice] A[dmiral of] Devon.—Thanks him for his advice of the 2nd of the condition and behaviour of the Dutch fleet.

1566. [p. 227.] 5 *June.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[1]—Returns him a letter directed to him by a mistake.

1567. [p. 228.] 9 *June.* 9 at night. *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[2] Downs.—Is just returned from Windsor to find his of the 5th and 8th. Is glad of his safe arrival in the Downs, where he shall receive orders. Desires to know what passed between him and Captain Jenifer[3] touching his flag [1611]. Doubts that the latter hath not behaved with all the discretion that he ought to have done towards a superior commander. As yet has only a general account of it by common talk, but has already spoken upon it to the king and duke.

1568. [p. 228.] 9 *June.* *S. P. to Captain Willshaw.*[4]—Encloses orders for him to sail into the river of Thames.

1569. [p. 228.] 9 *June.* *S. P. to Captain Booth.*[5]—Will contribute what is fit towards answering his desire, advising him in the meantime to apply himself to attending in the best manner he can whatever service the king or lords shall assign him to.

1570. [p. 229.] 9 *June.* *S. P. to Mr. Baylie.*—To send the lords an account of what wrong the new ship [1543] received in her launching [1586], and what number of men he will sail her with about to Portsmouth. The officers of the navy have intimated his purpose of venturing her with a much less number than they think he can with any security entrust her to. The lords are not forward to interpose, but conjure him to take care.

1571. [p. 230.] 10 *June.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2]—By his Majesty's special command, given this day at Hampton Court, he is to meet him at Portsmouth on Monday next with such of the ships named in the margin as are ready to sail.

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[1] Governor of Plymouth.

[2] See note to No. 1071.

[3] Commander of the queen's ship, the Saudados (*supra*, vol. i. p. 371). See note to No. 55.

[4] Commander of the Reserve [1556]. See note to No. 507.

[5] Commander of the Pearl. See note to No. 1077.

Margin: Assistance, Norwich, Pearl.

1572. [p. 230.] 10 *June. S. P. to Sir R. Munden.*[1]—To sail to Portsmouth with Sir John Narbrough [1571].

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Booth[2] and Captain London.'[3]

1573. [p. 230.] 10 *June. S. P. to Captain Fasby.*[4]—The king purposes to be at Portsmouth on Monday next, whither he is to sail to meet him with all speed.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Wright[5] of the Kitchen; Captain Guy[6] of the Portsmouth; Captain Lovell[7] of the Katherine; and Captain Gunman of the Anne.'[8]

1574. [p. 231.] 10 *June. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Having yesterday, upon advising with Sir Jeremy Smyth[9] at Trinity House, acquainted his Majesty at Hampton Court with the backwardness of some of the yachts in their being graved, he will not have any of them stay for graving saving only the Saudados and Greyhound, who are to stay for graving here or to be graved at Portsmouth as the board may think most expeditious. Desires them accordingly to order the yachts in the margin to repair at once to Portsmouth, and to that purpose to cause the enclosed to be delivered to them [1573].

Margin: Anne, Cleveland, Katherine, Portsmouth, Kitchen.

1575. [p. 231.] 10 *June. S. P. to Captain Jenifer.*[10]—To hasten towards Portsmouth for Monday next [1573]. To follow the board's directions for his graving, either here or there [1574].

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[1] Commander of the Assistance [858]. *D. N. B.* xxxix. 301.

[2] Commander of the Pearl [1077].

[3] Commander of the Norwich [1351].

[4] Commander of the Cleveland yacht (*supra*, vol. i. p. 349).

[5] See note to No. 66.

[6] See note to No. 1527.

[7] Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 347.

[8] The vessels mentioned are all yachts.

[9] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

[10] See note to No. 1567.

1576. [p. 231.] 11 *June. S. P. to Sir Jeremy Smyth.*[1]—'His Royal Highness being informed of the death of Captain Perry, who was to go master of the Castle frigate, is pleased to recommend Captain Hiatt to succeed him, and hath given me directions to signify to you that unless the board have anything to object against him, he may have a warrant for the employment in case Captain Perry was put into that place by warrant from the board.'

1577. [p. 232.] 13 *June. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks him for his by the last post with intelligence concerning the Dutch fleet.

1578. [p. 232.] 13 *June. S. P. to Mr. Speaker.*[3]—To supply Henry Taylor, formerly lieutenant of the Swiftsure, with 10*l.* on account of his pay, for enabling him to procure his discharge out of prison.

1579. [p. 232.] 13 *June. S. P. to the Lord Privy Seal.*[4]—Encloses the list of ships which are to be made free, which he undertook to see despatched in council next Wednesday.

1580. [p. 233.] 13 *June. S. P. to Mr. Abraham Parker.*—His proposal about discovering several things to the king's advantage is referred to the officers of the navy; but the lords will not grant his other petition, the service it relates to falling within a time long before the date of their commission, and the wages he demands for it having never yet been allowed.

1581. [p. 233.] 22 *June. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[5] Downs.—Is just now arrived from Portsmouth and finds his letters of the 19th and 21st concerning the Dutch caper and the two English vessels which he had seized on. Intends to-morrow morning to go to Windsor, and will take the king's directions therein [1582].

1582. [p. 234.] 24 *June. The same to the same.*—Went on purpose yesterday to Windsor [1581], but the king was gone from thence 'somewhere for his pleasure'; nor was there a number of the lords of the admiralty there. Applied to his Royal Highness, who gave it as his opinion that the matter would require debate in council; he is therefore to respite the discharging of the caper till after

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[1] See note to No. 1574.
[2] Governor of Plymouth.
[3] See note to No. 281.
[4] The Earl of Anglesey.
[5] See note to No. 1071.

Friday, when the king and council (and with them the lords of the admiralty) do meet [1589].

1583. [p. 234.] 24 *June. S. P. to Captain Wright.*[1]—To sail to Dieppe to fetch Lord Aylesbury's son to what port in England he shall desire, and this done to return with his yacht to Greenwich.

1584. [p. 235.] 24 *June. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Understands from the captain of the Reserve that they seem yet uninformed in the mind of the king and lords touching the disposal of her; but they know that all the ships not designed for the summer guard are to be paid off as fast as they come in. Discoursed yesterday at Windsor with his Royal Highness, in the absence of the king [1582], concerning what they write touching the galley at Livorne, who told him that as to the flag it was determined by the king at Sir Jeremy Smyth's[2] attending him on that behalf, to whom they are to refer, to enable them to send their instructions to Sir John Duteil[3] in it. 'The duke is also of the mind . . . that the galley be hastened from Leghorn by any means of despatch that can be found, and that therefore if soldiers, strangers, can be provided by Sir John Duteil, she should not be kept there in expectation of those from Tangier.' Will give them the king's pleasure on Friday, when the board is to attend the king and lords at Hampton Court.

1585. [p. 236.] 24 *June. S. P. to Captain Stout.*[4]—The bearer, Mr. Roger Baker, has served as purser of several ships, as now in the York, and as well in hopes of recovering his health as out of some other respects, desires to serve at sea rather than be unemployed on shore. Requests him to receive him as a reformado,[5] together with his servant.

1586. [p. 236.] 24 *June. S. P. to Mr. Baylie.*—Will inform the lords of what he writes concerning the starting of the Oxford's gripe,[6] and the number of men necessary for bringing her about [1570]. Observes his opinion of the number of the ships which he has informed the lord treasurer might be built out of the king's timber in the Lee Bayly.[1]

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[1] See note to No. 66.

[2] See note to No. 1574.

[3] See note to No. 1023.

[4] Commander of the Warspite [1323].

[5] See note to No. 8.

[6] Or 'forefoot'—a piece of timber which terminates the keel at the fore-end. See No. 1543.

1587. [p. 236.] 24 *June.* *S. P. to Captain Pinn,* Dartmouth, Minehead.—Thanks for his of the 12th, desiring his humble services to Sir William Wyndham[2] if still with him.

1588. [p. 237.] 27 *June.* *S. P. to Captain London.*[3]—There is a gentleman whom the duke desires to dispose of to sea, who hath already been some time there with Sir John Chicheley.[4] Desires to know if he has already on board him any volunteers recommended from the king or duke, and their names.

1589. [p. 237.] 27 *June.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[5]—Encloses the lords' directions about the Dutch caper [1582].

1590. [p. 237.] 28 *June.* *Note.*—'An express sent to the Lord Townshend[6] in Norfolk past 4 afternoon.'

1591. [p. 237.] 29 *June.* By express; past 11 noon. *S. P. to Captain Harman,*[7] Bristol, Downs.—Not to proceed to Tangier till further orders, but to continue with the Drake and Europa [1555] where this letter finds him.

Underwritten: 'The like to him at Portsmouth and another to Plymouth.'

1592. [p. 238.] 29 *June.* *S. P. to Captain Baker.*[8]—When he has discharged himself of the ambassador's concernments, he is to take on board what hampers of books and other goods shall be tendered him on behalf of one Mr. Hill,[9] a gentleman lately come over on the king's account from Holland, and designed by his Majesty to remain here.

1593. [p. 238.] 29 *June.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The warrant for the carpenter of the galley recommended by them has been signed by the king a good while since, and shall be given him on his application [1555].

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[1] A place in the Forest of Dean. See *Diary* (Wheatley's edition), ii. 261.

[2] Possibly Sir William Wyndham of Orchard-Wyndham. See *D. N. B.* lxiii. 252.

[3] Commander of the Norwich [1351].

[4] *D. N. B.* x. 231.

[5] See note to No. 1071.

[6] *D. N. B.* lvii. 128. Lord Townshend was vice-admiral of Norfolk.

[7] See note to No. 482.

[8] See note to No. 1454.

[9] Possibly Joseph Hill, the Nonconformist divine and lexicographer. See *D. N. B.* xxvi. 402.

1594. [p. 238.] 29 *June. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1]—The lords' order concerning the caper was sent him on Saturday last [1589].

1595. [p. 239.] 29 *June. S. P. to Captain Wetwang,*[2] Nore.—Is heartily sorry that his men were not paid before the ship sailed, as the lords ordered.

1596. [p. 239.] [29 *June.*] *The same to the same.*—Recommends the bearer, Mr. Knightley, for a reformado[3] with him this voyage. He is 'a very towardly and sober young gentleman,' and one in whom he will very much oblige both Sir William Coventry[4] and Mr. Thynne.[5]

1597. [p. 240.[6]] 1 *July. S. P. to Mr. Baylie.*—The lords desire him to consider the moment of having the new ship sufficiently manned [1570]. Has just now received his of the 29th giving an account of the lord treasurer visiting his ship, and his order for his going again into the Forest of Dean.

1598. [p. 239.] 2 *July. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[7]—Will move the lords about preserving the poor discharged workmen from arrests. As for a boatswain for the Arms of Rotterdam, the king having thought fit to give the Arms of Terver[8] to Sir Jeremy Smyth,[9] her officers to be now displaced will be provided for on the Arms of Rotterdam. Hopes in some time to provide for the person he recommends.

1599. [p. 240.] 2 *July. S. P. to Captain London.*[10]—Will send the king's orders for the gentleman mentioned in his former letter [1590].

1600. [p. 240.] 2 *July. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[11]—Sent him last night the lords' orders for discharging the English vessels. Hopes in 2 or 3 days to send him their orders concerning the further disposal of the caper and the 4 Englishmen which he took out of her [1581].

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[1] See note to No. 1071.

[2] See note to No. 1050.

[3] See note to No. 8.

[4] *D. N. B.* xii. 362.

[5] Probably Thomas Thynne of Longleat. See *D. N. B.* lvi. 367.

[6] Out of order in the MS.

[7] See note to No. 80.

[8] MS. 'Tyrveir.'

[9] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

[10] Commander of the Norwich [1351].

[11] See note to No. 1071.

1601. [p. 240.] 4 *July.* *S. P. to Captain Young*,[1] Plymouth, at Plymouth.—Is glad of his safe arrival. The lords approve his coming into the Downs, where he will receive further orders.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Mason [2] of the Dover.'

1602. [p. 241.] 4 *July.* *S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—Thanks for his of 30 June with an account of the Dutch fleet, and of the arrival of the Plymouth and Dover. Encloses letters to their commanders [1601].

1603. [p. 241.] 5 *July.* *S. P. to Captain Gunman.*[4]—To receive on board the bearer, Richard Selwyn, deputy marshal of the admiralty, and repair with him into the Downs to the Henrietta, where he is to receive such persons as Sir John Narbrough [5] shall direct, and bring them into the river of Thames unto such place as the said Richard Selwyn shall desire, and then to return to Greenwich [1606].

1604. [p. 241.] 5 *July.* *S. P. to Captain Roome Coyle.*[6]—To discharge Thomas Barnes from the French Ruby with a ticket for the time he has served, he having some affairs of his own which require his attendance.

1605. [p. 242.] 7 *July.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Plymouth, Dover, and Falcon being on their way from Plymouth to the Downs, whereof the two former were by the board's late distribution designed to be laid up at Portsmouth and the latter at Deptford, the writer desires to know if they wish to alter this. Desires to know what has been paid or is due to Lord Ossory [7] for his service in the late war in his several capacities of rear-admiral of the blue, vice-admiral of the red, and that of his wearing the union flag,[8] that the lords may make out his warrant for the pension allowed him as a flag officer.[9]

Postscript.—Since writing, has advice that the Plymouth and Dover are arrived in the Downs, so entreats an answer this afternoon, that orders may be sent them this post.

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[1] See note to No. 1003.

[2] See note to No. 1046.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] Commander of the Anne yacht [1573].

[5] See note to No. 071.

[6] MS. 'Romcoyle.' See note to No. 579.

[7] *D. N. B.* viii. 81.

[8] As commander-in-chief in 1673 in the absence of Prince Rupert (*supra*, vol. i. p. 315).

[9] See vol. i. p. 145, *supra*.

1606. [p. 242.] *7 July.*[1] *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2]—Presumes that the marshal of the admiralty has received from him the commander of the caper, and the rest that have been guilty of the late violence to the two English vessels [1603], and that an arrest has been made on the vessel for the satisfaction of the merchants and owners injured. Has communicated his advice concerning De Ruyter's motion to his Majesty and his Royal Highness.

1607. [p. 242.] *7 July. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—Doubts not but if the parties injured by the two Ostend privateers he mentions prosecute them in the High Court of Admiralty they will obtain satisfaction of them.

1608. [p. 243.] *7 July. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[4]—The lords have thought fit to write to the officers of the navy to see that the names of the workmen lately dismissed from the yards be continued from time to time on the clerk of the check's books, the omission whereof 'may have given too great opportunity to their creditors to arrest them, taking the advantage of their being left out of the books and so their relation to the yards extinguished; forasmuch as protections cannot under any pretence be given them longer than they have actual relation to the service, which nothing can now give them but their being re-entered and so kept, that thereby his Majesty may have right to call them back to his works so soon as his occasions shall require it.'

1609. [p. 243.] *7 July. S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[5] Woolwich.—The person he recommended has his warrant. As for the writer's boat, his journey to Portsmouth [1573, 1581] and indisposition since hath hindered his making use of her, but he is now making an awning for her and putting her into order of service, after which he will desire his overlooking her with him. Thanks him for his kindness about her [1552], and is sorry for the misfortune to his family in the loss of Captain Earning.

Postscript.—Will inform the lords of his good husbandry about the Fairfax.

1610. [p. 244.] *7 July. S. P. to Captain Young,*[6]

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[1] MS. 'June.'

[2] See note to No. 1071.

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] See note to No. 80.

[5] See note to No. 504.

[6] See note to No. 1003.

Plymouth, Downs.—To sail to Portsmouth to be paid off, and to have his books ready against his arrival there.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captains Mason[1] and Gardiner.'[2]

1611. [p. 244.] 11 *July. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[3] —Hopes the merchants have caused the caper to be arrested [1606, 1632, 1639]. The Roebuck is to have 3 months' victuals from Dover; and when the merchants he mentions make application for convoy to Newhaven and Dieppe, the writer will move the lords on their behalf.

Postscript.—'You will have no more trouble given you by Captain Jenifer's flag [1567], the king having by a special order commanded him to forbear wearing any.'

1612. [p. 244.] 11 *July. S. P. to Mr. Baylie.*—Doubts not but he has given the officers of the navy an account of what he has done in repairing the gripe of the Oxford [1586]. Is glad of his good report of the ship's sailing and working.

1613. [p. 245.] 13 *July. S. P. to Mr. Betts,*[4] master attendant at Tangier.—Encloses a letter from the lords to the Earl of Middleton[5] 'for providing storehouses at Tangier for the lodging of the naval stores under your charge.'

1614. [p. 245.] 13 *July. S. P. to Sir Martin Wescombe,*[6] at Cadiz.—To send the enclosed [1613] to Mr. Betts on board the Europa, which (together with the Bristol and Drake) sailed from the Downs about 10 days since for Tangier.

1615. [p. 245.] 16 *July. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Understanding that the Wivenhoe fireship is designed to carry some stores to Portsmouth, and that she hath some part in, they are to send her to Portsmouth according to the first order, notwithstanding the lords' late order to stop her and fit her for Sheerness, the Ann and Christopher fireship with Captain Rooth[7] being ordered up the River, which may supply that service at Sheerness.

1616. [p. 245.] 16 *July. S. P. to Mr. Cooke.*[8]—Can meet with no intelligence of an agent designed for the West Indies, so returns his memorial.

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[1] See note to No. 1046.

[2] Commander of the Falcon (*supra*, vol. i. p. 353).

[3] See note to No. 1071.

[4] See No. 1624.

[5] Governor of Tangier [1553].

[6] Consul at Cadiz [1553].

[7] Note to No. 792.

[8] See note to No. 1760.

1617. [p. 246.] '25 *May*, 1674. *Due to the Victuallers of the Navy.*—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Upon their issues of victuals on the declaration for 35,000 men for 8 months before the said declaration was reduced to 5,000 men for 8 months	47,151	1	0
Upon the said declaration so reduced to 5,000 men	37,333	6	8
Upon the ordinary of the navy for 10 months at 467*l.* per month	4,670	0	0
	89,154	7	8
Of which 89,154*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, the victuallers having received	59,000	0	0
There remains payable to the victuallers on the abovesaid account	30,154	7	8

Which 30,154*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* my lord treasurer, upon an adjustment thereof this day made with the said victuallers, is pleased to promise them payment out of the customs in manner following, viz.—by 3 monthly payments of 8,650*l.* 9*s.* 2½*d.*, to commence in June and end in August next, together with the sum of 934*l.*, payable this instant May, and the monthly sum of 467*l.* for 7 months to determine in December next. The whole whereof will amount to the above-mentioned sum of 30,154*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, as appears in the margin.'

Margin: 'June, 8,650*l.* 9*s.* 2½*d.*; July, 8,650*l.* 9*s.* 2½*d.*; August, 8,650*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*; May, 934*l.*; June, July, August, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., 467*l.* each: Total, 30,154*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*'

Underwritten: 'By my lord treasurer's command.—S. P.'

1618. [p. 246.] 18 *July*. *Memorandum to the Lord Treasurer.*—'In obedience to my lord treasurer's command directing me to assign how much of the 30,154*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* said on the other side [1617] to remain payable to the victuallers may be properly referred for payment to the 200,000*l.* appointed for defraying the ordinary charge of the year, these are humbly to inform his lordship that the number of men designed for the ordinary summer and winter guards being 1,587 men, and the victuals thereof at 8*d.* per man per diem for the whole year amounting to 19,308*l.* 10*s.*, I conceive the said 19,308*l.* 10*s.* is properly to be made good to the victuallers out of the said 200,000*l.*; and that the remaining 10,845*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* is to be provided for in the same manner his lordship shall think fit to provide for what other expenses of the navy shall exceed the said ordinary charge of 200,000*l.*'

Underwritten: 'By his lordship's command.'

1619. [p. 247.] 18 *July. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden,*[1] at Portsmouth.—To send word in what time his ship will be ready to receive the Spanish ambassador, who is very importunate to be gone [1620]; will then be able to satisfy both the ambassador and Signor Fonseca[2] [1623].

1620. [p. 247.] 18 *July. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[3]—To despatch the Assistance without cleaning, the Spanish ambassador being very importunate to be gone [1619].

1621. [p. 247.] 18 *July. S. P. to Captain Harman,*[4] Tiger, in the Downs.—Is glad of his safe arrival. To bring his ship up to Deptford.

1622. [p. 247.] 18 *July. S. P. to Captain Harris,*[5] Constant Warwick, in the Downs.—Has received his of the 14th giving an account of his safe arrival in the Downs. To bring his ship up to Deptford. If he wants victuals to come about, he is to apply to the victualling agent at Dover.

1623. [p. 248.] 18 *July. S. P. to Mr. Fonseca.*[2]—Desires to know when the ambassador will embark, the ship being at Portsmouth taking in provisions, and likely to be ready in few days [1619, 1620]. Sir Charles Scarburgh[6] lately intimated to the writer at Windsor that the ambassador had some thoughts of embarking at Southampton, but Portsmouth is more advisable [1674].

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[1] Commander of the Assistance [858]. *D. N. B.* xxxix. 301.

[2] Emanuel de Fonseca was the Spanish consul at London (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 408).

[3] See note to No. 34.

[4] Captain Thomas Harman. He is not to be confused with Captain William Harman, commander of the Bristol [1624], to whom a good many letters are addressed by Pepys about this time. See note to No. 482.

[5] See note to No. 353.

[6] MS. 'Scarborough.' Sir Charles Scarburgh was a notable physician, and one of the original fellows of the Royal Society. In

1624. [p. 248.] 18 *July. S. P. to Captain Harman,*[1] Bristol, at Plymouth.—Has received his of the 15th, and is sorry he met with so ill a passage from the Downs. To take in 2 months' victuals. He is to acquaint Mr. Betts[2] of the Europa that he is ordered victuals in case he wants them, and the Drake also is ordered a month's victuals.

1625. [p. 249.] 18 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[3]—Has received his of the 14th giving an account of the arrival of the Swiftsure and Dreadnought, which he hopes were not come away before the orders for Captain Rooth arrived [1628].

1626. [p. 249.] 18 *July. S. P. to Mr. Fowell.*[4]—Encloses the lords' directions.

1627. [p. 249.] 21 *July. S. P. to Captain Young,*[5] Plymouth, at Portsmouth.—Is glad of his despatch in unrigging his ship. To have his books in a readiness for her pay, money being coming down for the same.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Mason[6] of the Dover.'

1628. [p. 249.] 21 *July. S. P. to Captain Rooth,*[7] Spithead.—Is glad he met with the advice of Commissioner Deane[8] for his ship and the Dreadnought's staying at Portsmouth, since the orders to that effect sent to Plymouth came too late. A yacht or other small vessel shall bring about the plate he mentions. To get his ship and the Dreadnought into the harbour of Portsmouth, and to make up his books for paying off, money being ready.

1629. [p. 250.] 21 *July. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The lord treasurer's sudden return to Windsor hath disabled the writer from giving them a satisfactory answer about Sir Thomas Clutterbuck's[9] business, but he would put them

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May 1673 he had been appointed physician in ordinary to the king (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1673, p. 325). For an account of his career see *D. N. B.* l. 397.

[1] Captain William Harman. See note to No. 1621.

[2] Master attendant at Tangier [1613].

[3] Governor of Plymouth.

[4] Vice-admiral of Devon [1469].

[5] See note to No. 1003.

[6] See note to No. 1046.

[7] Commander of the Swiftsure. See note to No. 243.

[8] See note to No. 34.

[9] See note to No. 1166.

in mind that it was undertaken by Mr. Speaker[1] to offer it to the lords. Finds that among other particulars of want of money presented by the Speaker to the lord treasurer, that of furnishing Sir T. C. with 3,500*l.* more for finishing the galley is one, but cannot say what resolution the lord treasurer hath taken upon it.

1630. [p. 250.] 21 *July. S. P. to Captain Haddock*,[2] Downs.—Has received his of the 16th from Plymouth. To bring his ship to Deptford and make ready his pay-books.

1631. [p. 250.] 21 *July. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[3]—The judge of the admiralty being out of town till to-morrow morning, the writer cannot give him any advice upon Mr. Stock's letter to him [1632, 1639]. Will move the lords for a supply of victuals for the Pearl; meanwhile, if she or any other be in present want, he is to apply to the victualler's agent at Dover.

1632. [p. 251.] 21 *July. S. P. to Mr. Ab*[*raham*] *Stock*, at Dover.—Has received his of the 17th, and thanks him for the respectful memory he expresses towards the Earl of Sandwich.[4] Is sorry for the inconveniences ships so often meet with from the interruptions given them by the French and Ostender privateers. Will move the king and lords for orders to Sir John Narbrough for the applying the Norwich and Pearl by turns to the service of convoying our merchantmen [1639], 'there being nothing' they 'study more than that those ships of the king's which are abroad may in their service be found as beneficial to trade as they may. Nor is there anything that I shall in my little sphere be more solicitous of improving.' Will signify the king's pleasure to Sir John Narbrough touching the caper, to save her owners a chargeable suit at law [1639].

1633. [p. 251.] 21 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—To direct the Well dogger (if still with him) to hasten to the Downs.

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[1] See note to No. 281.

[2] Captain Richard Haddock, commander of the Ann and Christopher fireship (*supra*, vol. i. p. 358). He is not to be confused with his namesake the commissioner of the navy. See notes on Nos. 209 and 863.

[3] See note to No. 1071.

[4] The patron of Pepys. See *D. N. B.* xxxviii. 232, and *Diary passim*.

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

1634. [p. 251.] 21 *July. S. P. to Captain Trevanion,*[1] Portsmouth.—To get his ship into the harbour of Portsmouth, and get ready his books for paying off, the money being coming down.

1635. [p. 252.] 23 *July. S. P. to Mr. Maddockes.*[2]—Mr. Speaker, at his going out of town, having committed to the writer the care of supplying his absence in what might relate to the informing the king or lords in any matter touching his treasurership of the navy,[3] 'and therein referring me to you for advice on all such occasions, and there being some ships come in since his departure whose payment off with the rest will, I presume, be necessary to be solicited with my lord treasurer, I take liberty of offering it to you to consider whether it may not be useful for you to give my lord treasurer forthwith a list of all that are now actually come or coming into port for payment, with a separate calculation of the moneys needful for the discharging of them, cast to what day you shall think advisable. Wherein to prevent any wide misreckonings perhaps you may upon recollection not think it unuseful to cast those ships which have been abroad by their full numbers of men in time of war, to the time of the war's determining and the reduction of the complements to time of peace. This I leave to you wholly to judge of, and whether for saving of time it may not be convenient for you to wait on my lord treasurer at Hampton Court to-morrow, where I shall be glad to meet you.'

1636. [p. 252.] 23 *July. S. P. to Captain Canning,* Portland, Downs.—Heartily congratulates him on his safe arrival. Desires to hear the condition of his ship, the health of his company, and by what orders he came home, as also in what condition and where he left the Thomas and Francis. He is to bring his ship up to Woolwich and get ready his pay-books.

1637. [p. 253.] 23 *July. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden,*[4] Portsmouth.—Has received his of the 21st giving an account of the readiness of his ship, and hopes by the next post to send him orders for receiving the Spanish ambassador [1619, 1664].

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[1] Commander of the Dreadnought [1120].

[2] See note to No. 1313.

[3] Edward Seymour, speaker of the House of Commons, was at this time treasurer of the navy also (*D. N. B.* li. 312).

[4] See note to No. 1619.

1638. [p. 253.] 23 *July. S. P. to Captain Lee,* Olive Branch fireship.—Has received his of the 19th from Plymouth, and supposing this will find him in the Downs, directs him to bring his ship up to Deptford, and to have his books in a readiness for her pay.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Clarke[1] of the Well dogger.'

1639. [p. 253.] 23 *July. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2]—Encloses orders for the Portland, Well dogger, and Olive Branch fireship to come up into the River, and the same for the Ann and Christopher by the last post. The judge of the admiralty will cause a commission to be issued out of the admiralty for appraising the Dutch caper, and then upon the owners giving security to her value for what shall be adjudged by the court of sessions of the admiralty against her as to the injury done in torturing the men, and their giving satisfaction to the merchants for the damages they have received, she will be released [1611, 1631, 1632]. Encloses orders for his employing the Pearl and Norwich upon convoys, according as application shall be made to him, for securing the merchants from the insolencies of the privateers [1632].

1640. [p. 254.] 23 *July. S. P. to Captain Country,*[3] Roebuck, Downs.—Has received his of the 22nd, and will acquaint the lords with his readiness. To give no occasion of complaints to the merchants of his exacting any rewards for convoying them.

1641. [p. 254.] 23 *July. S. P. to Captain Booth.*[4]—Three months' victuals are ordered him from Dover.

1642. [p. 254.] 23 *July. S. P. to the Earl of Ossory.*[5]—Finds the Dartmouth had not by the 10th inst. received the king's instructions of 10 June, though it may be hoped that ere this they have reached her, with others of a fresher date for her coming to King Road. Will give him early notice of her coming to any English port, and is sending her duplicate orders [1644, 1662].

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[1] Captain Thomas Clarke. Pepys's *Register* gives four other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 335).

[2] See note to No. 1071.

[3] See note to No. 1273.

[4] Commander of the Pearl. See note to No. 1077.

[5] *D.N.B.* viii. 81.

1643. [p. 255.] 25 *July*: 'By express, 11 a clock morning.' *S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[1]—To repair up hither to receive the king's commands touching the building of 2 yachts which the King of France desires to have built for him here in imitation of his Majesty's.

1644. [p. 255.] 25 *July. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, Kinsale.—Encloses duplicate orders for his coming to King Road to take in Lord Ossory and transport him to Ireland [1642, 1662].

1645. [p. 255.] 25 *July. S. P. to Colonel Strode.*[2]—By Lord Arlington's[3] command, transmits the petition enclosed, and desires his advice what is fit further to be done towards the satisfaction of M. Ruvigny [1653, 1680].

A marginal note describes the object of the letter thus: 'To give his advice touching the French ship and her prize at Dover.'

1646. [p. 256.] 25 *July. S. P. to Sir Jonathan Atkins.*—To know when he will be ready to depart with the St. David, as to keep her in victuals and wages without service is chargeable to the king [1678].

1647. [p. 256.] 25 *July. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[4]—Has moved the lords concerning what he desires for Mr. Chappell, who will allow him lieutenant's pay for the time that he acted in that employment.

1648. [p. 256.] 25 *July. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[5]—Thanks for his advices.

1649. [p. 256.] 25 *July. S. P. to Mr. Baylie.*—The lords have ordered the officers of the navy to supply him with men out of the ships paid off at Portsmouth [1670] to bring about the new ship.

1650. [p. 257.] 25 *July. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[6]—Thanks him for his of the 24th, with an account of the arrival of 7 East India ships.

1651. [p. 257.] 25 *July. S. P. to Mr. James Hublon.*[7]—

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[1] See note to No. 34.

[2] Governor of Dover Castle.

[3] See note to No. 1119.

[4] Commander of the Swiftsure. See note to No. 243.

[5] Governor of Plymouth.

[6] See note to No. 1071.

[7] See note to No. 874.

Has communicated to the lords what he understood out of his of the 24th from St. Malo[1] touching the commander of the Warwick's exacting 2¼ per cent. upon the plate he carried thither, besides ¼ for average, contrary no less to the king and council's order[2] than to his own hand in his bill of lading. This is a crime that deserves and will meet with just punishment, but desires him to obtain testimony upon oath [1722].

1652. [p. 257.] 28 *July. S. P. to Captain Country,*[3] Roebuck, Downs.—The writer's last letter [1640] was by way of caution only, grounded upon something generally spoken.

1653. [p. 258.] 28 *July. S. P. to Lord Arlington.*[4]—In return to his late commands upon M. Ruvigny's[5] memorial touching the business of the anchors at Deal: The French fleet having by the storms in September last left many anchors in and about the Downs, the king by his warrant of 29 October granted leave to the French commissary to sweep for them, and on paying the proper salvage to dispose of such as should appear to belong to the French fleet. Upon information from the officers of the navy of several great anchors swept for and brought in to Deal by private persons, the weight whereof discovered them too big for merchantmen and yet without any mark of their belonging to the King of France, the king directed that they should be taken for his use into the custody of Mr. St. Michel,[6] his agent there, being led thereto by the consideration that he had at several times lost many anchors in the same place, and those such as having been taken in Dutch men-of-war could not have his Majesty's mark on them. Desires Lord Arlington to receive the king's determination whether these and what other anchors may hereafter be recovered on which his mark is not found shall be all interpreted to belong to the French. Will answer his other demand upon M. Ruvigny's memorial touching the case of the French man-of-war at Dover on further advice which Colonel Strode[7] expects to receive from his officers on the place [1645].

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[1] MS. 'St. Mallowes.'

[2] See *supra*, vol. i. pp. 188–9.

[3] See note to No. 1273.

[4] See note to No. 1119.

[5] Envoy extraordinary of the King of France [1563].

[6] See note to No. 699.

[7] Governor of Dover Castle.

1654. [p. 259.] 28 *July. S. P. to Sir John Werden.*[1]—Supposes he has heard of the resolutions lately taken by the king and lords 'touching the effectual preventing the liberty of late generally usurped by merchantmen of wearing the king's jack, contrary to practice, and to the occasioning many inconveniencies, which is intended to be done by a proclamation for the suppressing of that liberty, which, as it will take up some little time in the preparing as it ought to be, I thought fit to give you this information thereof with reference to Captain Willshaw, commander of the Concord merchantman, to whom out of personal respect his Royal Highness while admiral was pleased to indulge the favour of a commission as captain to entitle him thereby to this privilege, which was esteemed a matter of considerable benefit to a merchantman during time of war;[2] but that being now over and the real benefit of it thereby ceasing, his Royal Highness doth expect that Captain Willshaw should make no further use of that commission,' which Sir J. W. is to remand. Is informed that within these few days he wore the king's jack in the River, notwithstanding his ready promise to the writer at the launching of the Royal Oak that he would not.

1655. [p. 259.] 28 *July. S. P. to Sir William Poole.*[3]—Has received his of the 25th from the Downs, and will be glad to hear of his arrival at Portsmouth. Will send the receipt he mentions to his lady [1678].

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[1] See *D. N. B.* lx. 295. Although no longer secretary to the lord high admiral (vol. i. p. 40 *supra*), he appears to have been still secretary to the Duke of York.

[2] This clears up a doubtful point in Charnock, who states that Francis Willshaw was commanding the Concord as early as 1671, adding in a note: 'Through some mistake of a transcriber he is said to have been appointed by King Charles II. *on the 4th of August*, 1674, captain of the Concord' (*Biog. Nav.* i. 275). Evidently Charnock did not know that the Concord was not a king's ship but a merchantman, and that Willshaw had been already commanding her as a merchant captain when he received the king's commission; and he also got hold of the wrong year, though the day and month are correctly given. Pepys's *Register* gives the date 4 Aug. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 425), and this is probably right, but in that case the commission, although perhaps promised by the duke, must have been actually given by the king nearly a month after the duke's resignation. Captain Francis Willshaw must not be confused with his brother Thomas Willshaw, commander of the Reserve.

[3] See note to No. 1322.

1656. [p. 259.] 28 *July. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1]—Desires to know what is further done concerning the Dutch caper now with him [1639].

1657. [p. 260.] 28 *July. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has this day received a letter from Sir Denis Gauden and partners[2] that the proportions of the declaration for 8,000 men's victuals for 8 months assigned to the particular ports of Plymouth and Portsmouth are entirely issued, and desiring that it might be speedily considered what further provisions (if any) will be expected in those ports from them before December next. Desires the advice of the board therein. Is also from the lord treasurer (on whom he has attended for the further supply of 3,500*l.* for the galley at Leghorn [1629]) to desire them to send an account of the king's real disbursements in building, furnishing, manning, victualling, &c., that and the other galley.[3] As Lord Vaughan saith it will be September before he be ready to go towards Jamaica,[4] the lords would have them only proceed to the fitting of the Foresight for that voyage, but not enter any men upon her till further order.

1658. [p. 260.] 28 *July. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[5] Pearl.—It is intended to remove his boatswain, if willing, into the Antelope, and one Wordell is to succeed him in the Pearl, so cannot do anything at present for the person he recommends.

1659. [p. 261.] 29 *July. S. P. to Mr. Lewis Delebecque.*—Being informed by Mr. Alexander Dawes that he has an anchor and cable belonging to the king, desires him to deliver them to the bearer, John Wright, master of the Improvement, for delivery into the yard at Woolwich on his return into the River, Mr. Dawes undertaking to pay his charge for salvage [1660].

1660. [p. 261.] 29 *July. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1]—At the request of Mr. Dawes, a merchant, who hath a ship now lying in the Downs called the Improvement, designed for Calais, but dare not stir from the many privateers abroad, the writer desires him to direct one of the ships under his command to see her safe over [1659].

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[1] See note to No. 1071.

[2] See No. 738.

[3] At Genoa. See note to No. 1023.

[4] Lord Vaughan had been appointed governor of Jamaica; he did not actually sail until December (*D. N. B.* lviii. 173).

[5] See note to No. 1077.

1661. [p. 261.] 29 *July. S. P. to Mr. Fenn.*[1]—To attend the lords at Derby House to-morrow morning at 9.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Waith.'[1]

1662. [p. 261.] 29 *July. S. P. to the Earl of Ossory.*[2]—Is sorry he cannot appoint another man-of-war (there being none to the westward but the Dartmouth), but is certainly informed by Sir Robert Southwell[3] (from some letters of his from Kinsale) that Captain Pinn has received the orders and is hastening to King Road [1642, 1644].

1663. [p. 262.] 1 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[4] Dover.—To make haste in getting his provisions on board, as the service requires his being at sea to give protection to the merchant ships.

1664. [p. 262.] 1 *Aug. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden.*[5]—Not to victual the ambassador's retinue without special order, as it is what hath at no time been done by his Majesty; but to expect from the ambassador (who is now at Windsor on his way towards Southampton) what satisfaction shall be due to him or his purser for provisions for the two persons he mentions [1619, 1637, 1674]. He is not to impress men in a time of peace, but the writer hopes he will not want any, considering the great number to be discharged from the ships paying off at Portsmouth, and the late reduction of his complement from time of war.

1665. [p. 262.] 1 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[6]—The Well dogger being come up into the River and put out of a condition of returning to sea, she cannot be sent as he desires to bring about his and the other commanders' goods. Nor will the king be satisfied should a yacht be sent on purpose, in regard of the precedent of it; so he must either provide otherwise at his own charge, or wait for the first opportunity in any of the king's ships without sending one on purpose.

1666. [p. 263.] 1 *Aug. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has acquainted the king with what they write in theirs of

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[1] See note to No. 1559.

[2] *D. N. B.* viii. 81.

[3] See note to No. 345.

[4] See note to No. 1077.

[5] See note to No. 1619.

[6] Commander of the Swiftsure. See note to No. 243.

29 July, of the difficulties met with in weighing the wreck of the Anne,[1] whereupon he has given order to Sir Thomas Chicheley[2] to use such means for blowing her in pieces where she now lies as upon advice with the board may be found most effectual.

1667. [p. 263.] 1 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Harman,*[3] Bristol, Portsmouth.—To give him the first advice he can of his being ready to sail.

1668. [p. 263.] 4 *Aug. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Hears from Captain Booth,[4] commander of the Pearl, that the victualler at Dover showed him an order from them for taking in 3 months' victuals for 95 men; he therefore desires to know whether he is to increase his complement to that number. Encloses a petition of Captain Billopp to be discharged of his bargain for the ships he lately bought of the board; and desires their opinion [1736*b*]. To hasten an answer about the past charge of the galleys [1657, 1685].

1669. [p. 264]. 4 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[4] Pearl, in the Downs.—He has done well in giving the officers of the navy an account of the badness of the cables he received at Plymouth. Has acquainted them with what he writes concerning his complement [1668].

1670. [p. 264.] 4 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Baylie.*—Wishes he were happily discharged of the ship he is now bringing about to Portsmouth [1586, 1710].

1671. [p. 264.] 5 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Sanderson.*[5]—To bring his yacht to Woolwich to be refitted by Mr. Pett,[6] master shipwright.

1672. [p. 264.] 6 *Aug. S. P. to Sir Stephen Fox.*[7]—His Majesty having been attended by some persons on behalf of the officers of the Duke of Buckingham's regiment, showing by a certificate as well from himself as Mr. Kingdon on behalf of Lord Ranelagh[8] that they have not yet been paid, and it being the king's pleasure that they be paid, the writer desires to know whence it is that the said officers have missed of the satisfaction which the officers of the other regiments have received, to the end that what is wanting thereto may be supplied by any needful orders from the king either to himself, Lord Ranelagh, or the officers of the navy.

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[1] The Anne, a 3rd rate, had been blown up by accident at Sheerness, 2 Dec., 1673 (vol. i. p. 269 *supra*).

[2] Master-general of the ordnance. *D. N. B.* x. 231.

[3] Captain William Harman. See note to No. 1621.

[4] See note to No. 1077.

[5] Captain Ralph Sanderson had been appointed to the command of the Portsmouth yacht on 30 July (*supra*, vol. i. p. 403).

[6] See note to No. 504. [7] Paymaster-general (*D. N. B.* xx. 134).

[8] MS. 'Renelaugh.' Lord Ranelagh's curious scheme for a

1673. [p. 265.] 6 *Aug. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will use their advice touching Captain Billopp's suit [1668]. Will speak with the lord treasurer about freeing the sold ships from the payment of custom [1681]. Did above a week since tender a commission to the king for Captain Tinker's commanding the Royal Oak, but Sir Robert Robinson 'upon a certain consideration' (which the writer will acquaint the board with when he sees them) obtained of him the carrying of her down to Chatham; upon which another commission [1676] was prepared and signed, but has not been applied for since. Will move the king for the person they mention to be boatswain of the Revenge, and also for a cook for her.

1674. [p. 265.] 6 *Aug. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden.*[1] —To receive the Spanish ambassador on board either at Portsmouth, Cowes Road, or Yarmouth, as he should desire [1623, 1737].

For 'Cowes Road' the margin reads 'Dover Road.'

1675. [p. 265.] 6 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Harman,*[2] Bristol.—Has received his of the 4th, and is glad he is ready to sail. He will receive his orders by the next post [1679].

1676. [p. 266.] 6 *Aug. S. P. to Sir Robert Robinson.*[3] —A commission is ready for his carrying the Royal Oak to Chatham [1673], and she will in a very few days be ready to enter men for carrying her down.

1677. [p. 266.] 6 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Pett.*[4]—Approves his care in the breaking up of the Fairfax.

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syndicate to manage the government of Ireland is described in *D. N. B.* xxx. 154; the patent for this had been passed on 4 June. Richard Kingdon appears to have been one of his partners (*Cal. S. P. Dom.*, 1672-3, p. 449).

[1] See note to No. 1619.

[2] Captain William Harman, commander of the Bristol. See note to No, 1621.

[3] See note to No. 1367.

[4] See note to No. 504. This is Mr. Pett of Woolwich.

1678. [p. 266.] 8 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir William Poole.*[1] —Supposes he will very suddenly have Sir Jonathan Atkins aboard him [1646, 1815]. Will deliver the receipt he speaks of to his lady [1655]; in the meantime he hereby discharges him of the money delivered by him for the writer's use at Tangier, and credit given him to the full value thereof by Mr. St. John, the paymaster of the garrison, in his account lately sent.

1679. [p. 267.] 8 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Harman,*[2] Bristol.—Sends orders for his sailing forthwith to Seine Head with the Drake and Europa, and thence as ordered Though the king gives him a latitude of staying 8 days at Havre de Grâce in expectation of his convoys, he is not to let the merchants know the utmost of his time, which would but conduce to the slackening their preparations [1688]. The orders enclosed to the Governor of Tangier and Captain Herbert[3] are to use those ships which are and shall come under either of their commands by giving convoy on demand between Tangier and Cadiz. This the writer recommends to his care also, together with giving convoy in his way outward bound as far as will stand with the enclosed orders touching the three ships particularly mentioned, to which he is to add a fourth—the Richard, Thomas Whitney, master—from Havre de Grâce to Lisbon.

'So many and loud have been the late complaints of merchants against commanders for turning the king's frigates into merchant ships by carrying of goods,[4] to the great scandal of his Majesty's service and discouragement to trade, and so earnest are the resolutions both of his Majesty and the lords of the admiralty duly to punish a fault of such importance, and so strictly forbid not only by the 40th Article of commanders' general instructions but in the particular orders for the most part given to each commander at his going forth, . . . that I think myself obliged in friendship to give you this advice concerning it.'

1680. [p. 268.] 8 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Bridgeman.*[5]— After thanks for sending him the Dartmouth paper last night, hands him the enclosed, some time since committed to the writer by Lord Arlington,[1] relating to a prize lately brought into Dover by a French privateer. Colonel Strode's[2] answer thereto [1645] is that the prize 'was not taken within the reach of the guns of Dover Castle, for that the capture was not made within sight of it, nor any guns fired either by the men-of-war or the prize, much less any from the castle; the truth of which comes asserted to Colonel Strode from Mr. Breames, his deputy there, confirmed by three very express affidavits, so as the caper seems to have much wrong offered him in the detention of his prize complained of by him in his enclosed petition.' Desires him to communicate this to Lord Arlington. Asks also that Captain Herbert,[3] now commander-in-chief in the Straits, may have authority to confirm the late articles of peace with Tripoli made necessary by the late change of its governor [1722], and so judged by the king and lords of the admiralty (Lord Arlington present) some days since at Windsor.

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[1] See note to No. 1322.

[2] See note to No. 1675.

[3] Commander-in-chief in the Straits [1680]. See note to No. 1142.

[4] See vol. i. pp. 192–5 *supra.*

[5] See note to No. 794.

1681. [p. 269.] 8 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Philip Lloyd.*[4]—Reserving Tangier matters to the answer the writer will bring him from Mr. Mounteney,[5] this comes to put him in mind of what the writer moved the lord treasurer in yesterday from the officers of the navy:—'that as well the condition of the sale made by the said commissioners as his Majesty's intention in his order of the 26 of June last for the making free the ships by them sold, being that the buyers should be exempted from the payment of customs and all other charges attending the making free of the said ships, the same may be signified by a line or two from my lord treasurer . . . to the commissioners of the customs, as that without which . . . the ships will remain still in charge unpaid for, to the great prejudice of his Majesty as well as the purchasers'; entreats him to see it done.

1682. [p. 269.] 10 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Fasby.*[6]—When he goes over to Dieppe for Lord Cornbury[7] he is to receive on board here in the River the Honourable Robert

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[1] See note to No. 1119.

[2] Governor of Dover Castle.

[3] See note to No. 1142.

[4] See note to No. 1874.

[5] Richard Mounteney was receiver-general and cashier of the customs (*Cal. S. P. Dom.*, 1673, p. 373).

[6] Commander of the Cleveland yacht (*supra*, vol. i. p. 349).

[7] See note to No. 1527.

Stanley, Esquire, with his goods and servants, and give him passage thither.

1683. [p. 269.] 10 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Shish.*[1]—To send the dimensions of the mainmast of the Saudados,[2] and also of the mast of one of the biggest of the king's yachts [1690].

1684. [p. 270.] 10 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[3] Chatham. —The Katherine is already ordered to him to be refitted; against she is ready the writer will know the king's pleasure in what he desires for running down the River to try her [1697].

1685. [p. 270.] 10 *Aug. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Is glad they have found an expedient for answering his Majesty's occasions for victuals at Portsmouth and Plymouth without any additional declaration for the present year. Thanks them for their account of the charges of the galleys, though it be a very unwelcome one [1657]. Presumes the order for fitting the Ann and Christopher is already with them, the lords having signed it. Will move the lords touching the chancellor of the exchequer's demand of the board's weekly certificate.

1686. [p. 270.] 10 *Aug. S. P. to Colonel Slingesby.*—Has moved the king and lords for a protection to his person for 20 days, but 'the consideration of the late public exceptions which have been taken against protections in general,' and the fact that he stands in no relation of service to the navy,[4] makes them think it unfit for them to grant one.

1687. [p. 271.] 10 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Sindrey.*—The lords will not continue any protection to him upon other terms than what can stand with the doing right to his creditors, by assigning a time certain within which he will satisfy them. Mr. Hale is contented to give him a month's time longer for his payment, so the writer advises him to find some way of satisfying him, as that without which the lords will withdraw any protection he can pretend to from his relation to the service of the navy.

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[1] Probably John Shish of Sheerness [558], a son of Jonas Shish, the master shipwright at Deptford [55]; he afterwards succeeded to his father's post. For Pepys's opinion of him see vol. i. p. 77 *supra*.

[2] See note to No. 55.

[3] See note to No. 504.

[4] See note to No. 1498.

1688. [p. 271.] 10 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Harman,*[1] Bristol.—To stay a day or two beyond the limit of 8 days, for such ships as may be backwarded because the water does not serve them to come forth [1679].

1689. [p. 272.] 12 *Aug. S. P. to Sir Robert Robinson.*[2]—To speak with the navy officers about entering men for the Royal Oak [1676].

1690. [p. 272.] 12 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Griffith.*[3]—Signifies the dimensions of the Saudados' mainmast and the mast of one of the biggest yachts [1683], that he may procure 'a sample of the cypress trees which his Majesty hath been lately informed are to be found in Virginia, of dimensions large enough, and in their quality both lighter and tougher than those of fir we now use.'

Underwritten: 'From the shrouds to the hull Saudados' mast-length, 20 yards 2 feet and 8 inches; bigness, 15½ inches. Biggest yacht's mast's length, 20 yards; bigness, 20 inches.'

1691. [p. 272.] 13 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. James Hublon.*[4]—Encloses a letter for him to forward to Havre[5] de Grâce [? 1692].

1692. [p. 273.] 13 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Harman,*[1] Bristol, at Havre de Grâce.—The writer's letter [1679] was from the abundance of his friendship, awakened by some fresh clamours concerning the misbehaviours of others in that particular. Encloses instructions for him and the Drake for their proceeding after their arrival at Tangier, 'wherein by some fresh applications to his Majesty by some merchants concerned' he is moved to assign them for the securing of his subjects' trade against those of Sallee [1736*a*].

1693. [p. 273.] 13 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. John Gold.*[6]—The Bristol and the Drake, which are both on their way to Tangier, after their arrival there are to betake themselves forthwith to the service he desires [1692].

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[1] Captain William Harman, commander of the Bristol. See note to No. 1621.

[2] See note to No. 1367.

[3] Captain Richard Griffith had been appointed to the command of the Diamond on 15 June (*supra*, vol. i. p. 357).

[4] See note to No. 874.

[5] MS. 'Gavre' or 'Gaure,' both in the text and margin.

[6] MS. 'Gould.' See note to No. 908.

1694. [p. 274.] 13 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1] —Having moved the king and lords afresh concerning 'the great and daily interruptions given our merchant ships here at home by the Ostenders and others to the great hindrance and discouragement of trade, and informing his Majesty that several merchants have made it their desire that for want of bigger ships one or two of the yachts may be appointed for this service as an addition to the Norwich, Pearl, and Roebuck, upon the confidence that the countenance of his Majesty's flag will be sufficient to protect their vessels from the violence they are now exposed to, it being not to be remembered (as they say) that ever any injury was offered to any ships or vessels under the convoy of his Majesty's flag, by whatsoever of his Majesty's ships or vessels borne (as to rate or force),' his Majesty is pleased to appoint two yachts to be forthwith sent him for this purpose, to which the writer hopes in a few days to procure the addition of the Saudados [1709] and Greyhound [1712].

1695. [p. 275.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir Leoline Jenkins.*[2] —Encloses the papers relating to the St. Peter prize, which are transmitted to him from Mr. Secretary Coventry[3] at the request of the parties concerned, that he may signify to Mr. Coventry what has already passed before him and remains further to be done towards the satisfaction of the complainants.

1696. [p. 275.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Abr[aham] Stock,* Dover.—Is 'infinitely afflicted by the instances every day given us of the interruptions our merchants' ships meet with at sea' [1632]. The king and lords are providing the most effectual remedies they can, by applying as much as possible the ships that are abroad to the use he desires, and in particular are appointing two yachts to be added to the Pearl, Norwich, and Roebuck [1694].

1697. [p. 275.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[4] Chatham. —Concurs with him in the scale he propounds for the draughts of ¼-inch for a foot, which he accordingly desires him to follow therein.

Postscript.—The king consents to his running down the River with the yacht to try her [1684].

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[1] See note to No. 1071.

[2] Judge of the admiralty court (*D. N. B.* xxix. 302).

[3] See note to No. 1226.

[4] See note to No. 504.

1698. [p. 276.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir Nathaniel Herne.*[1] —Encloses letters for conveyance to Genoa and Leghorn [1699]. Desires an opportunity of speaking to-morrow with Captain Warren touching the business of Captain Haddock[2] [1756], either here or in the city, 'where I purpose to be your guest.' Will then speak with himself touching the Frederick [1703].

1699. [p. 276.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Skinner*, consul at Livorne.—The king and lords 'having by common report understood the great liberty said to have been of late taken' by commanders of taking in merchants' goods, and 'publishing beforehand their purposes of so doing, upon terms of freight and other conditions,' the writer desires to know what has come to his knowledge of this kind within the port of Leghorn [1893].

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Legatt, consul at Genoa' [1881].

1700. [p. 277.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Mr. Cooke*, boatswain, Pearl.—He is appointed to be boatswain of the York.

1701. [p. 277.] 14 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Roome Coyle*,[3] Sheerness.—Leave to come up for 3 or 4 days.

1702. [p. 277.] 15 *Aug.* *S. P. to Sir William Poole.*[4] —Is much troubled at the great loss in his oil; doubtless the officers of the navy will see it supplied, and the king righted therein by the victuallers [1711]. To deliver the enclosed to Captain Wyborne[5] in case the Garland be not come away before he arrives at Barbados.

1703. [p. 278.] 17 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Arthur Herbert*[6] *and Captain Hamilton.*[7]—One of them is to convoy the Frederick [1698] on demand, and what other ships desire to accompany her, from Tangier to Alicante, if with the concurrence of the Governor of Tangier they shall judge that it may be done without inconvenience to the king's immediate service.

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[1] A comparison with No. 1272 suggests that Pepys's correspondent had not long been knighted. See also note to No. 1879.

[2] Hitherto commander of the Ann and Christopher fireship [1756]. See also note to No. 1630.

[3] See note to No. 579.

[4] Commander of the St. David. See note to No. 1322.

[5] Commander of the Garland (*supra*, vol. i. p. 428).

[6] See note to No. 1142.

[7] Commander of the Mary Rose [1220].

1704. [p. 278.] 17 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Griffith.*[1]—To receive on board the Diamond, Major E. Andros, governor of New York under his Royal Highness, with his lady, retinue, and goods, and transport them to New York [1705].

1705. [p. 279.] 18 *Aug. S. P. to Major Andros.*[2]—Upon a letter yesterday from Sir John Werden,[3] had immediately given Mr. Davis a letter to Captain Griffith [1704] touching his passage. Has daily expected the result of his advising with Mr. Secretary Coventry[4] touching the clause he was speaking of at Windsor. Can do nothing in the point of commanding during the voyage without the king or lords, but he may be sure of Captain Griffith's civility. 'Nor has Sir Jonathan Atkins more, save in his calling or not calling at the Madeiras.'

1706. [p. 279.] 18 *Aug. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[5]—Has sent orders to the two yachts to sail into the Downs and follow his orders in securing the trade of the king's subjects between our coasts and those of France, Flanders, &c. [1694].

1707. [p. 279.] 18 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Pitt,* clerk [of the] control, Portsmouth Yard.—Has received his of the 11th, and ought sooner to have taken notice of the specimen he sent by his other of 9 May last; wherein the writer knows not whether his pains or the usefulness thereof to his Majesty (if well improved) is to be esteemed the greater. Will not neglect doing him good office by it if ever in his power, but thinks it inconvenient to encourage in the navy what he desires—the bestowing plurality of offices on the same man which cannot at the same time be performed by one; but will not despair but some other way he may find the benefit of his labour.

The marginal summary is: 'About his form proposed for balancing the storekeepers' accounts.'

1708. [p. 280.] 18 *Aug. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Much disquiet is given to the French Ruby at Sheerness for want of a constant and regular supply of victuals; has advised Captain Roome Coyle[1] to attend the board therein. Desires to be informed in the cause of the stop of wages due to Captain Rooth[2] and some of his company who were employed with him in fitting forth the Swiftsure from Harwich. Reminds them of some particulars asked for wherein they have not yet made any return: The establishment of men and guns for the fleet; to inquire into the occasion of the leakiness of the Gloucester, whereby she was hindered of proceeding to the southward with Captain Rooth; to despatch the contract with the new victuallers; Captain Shales's[3] proposition of good husbandry; their report on the complaints against the captain and purser of the Adventure; a survey of the present state of the ships and stores; report to the lords' late order [614] concerning the business of chips in the yards.[4]

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[1] See note to No. 1690.

[2] Major, afterwards Sir Edmund, Andros, had just been appointed by James, duke of York, to be governor of the province of New York, which had been granted to the duke by Charles II. (*D. N. B.* i. 411).

[3] See note to No. 1654.

[4] See note to No. 1226.

[5] See note to No. 1071.

1709. [p. 281.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Jenifer*, Saudados.[5]—To prepare to receive the king's orders to sail to the Downs to follow Sir John Narbrough's instructions [1694] for convoying trade, which for want of an opportunity of compassing yesterday at Banstead the writer will attend the king this night for at Windsor.

1710. [p. 281.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has this day received a letter from Mr. Baylie giving advice of the Oxford's safe arrival at Portsmouth [1670], 'with a very large account of her good qualities.' To which he adds the necessity of his being supplied with 200*l.* for paying her men, to prevent the growing charge. Desires the board to consider the reasonableness of this.

1711. [p. 281.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Sir William Poole*,[6] at Portsmouth.—Sir Jeremy Smyth[7] has told him this day that care is taking for making good the leakage of his oil and brandy [1702]. It is 'a matter of a very unwelcome consideration' that together with this there is so much time and all the charges of victuals and wages run out in a very unprofitable attendance, much of which might have been saved if the ship had been paid off with the rest, and taken into pay again when those that had the management of it could have foreseen the certainty of time within which Sir Jonathan Atkins's despatches might have been compassed.

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[1] See note to No. 579.

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] See vol. i. pp. 73, 79 *supra*.

[4] This was an abuse of long standing. It had been complained in Charles I.'s reign that the workmen 'cut up good timber and call it chips,' and so carry away a great quantity of wood as a perquisite (Oppenheim, p. 285).

[5] See note to No. 55.

[6] See note to No. 1702.

[7] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

1712. [p. 282.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[1] in the Downs.—Is sorry the Spanish privateers are so insolent to dispute striking to his Majesty's ships. For the better enabling him to secure trade, the Saudados[2] and Greyhound [1754] are ordered to him besides the yachts [1694].

1713. [p. 282.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Moore,* master attendant at Portsmouth.—Will hasten down the boatswain of the Oxford, that the other that came about with her upon Mr. Baylie's account [1586, 1710] may be cleared.

1714. [p. 282.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Fowell,*[3] Washbourne.—Will acquaint the lords with what he writes concerning his taking out a new commission for vice-admiral of Devon.

1715. [p. 282.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Mr. Baylie,* Portsmouth.—Is glad of the safe arrival of the Oxford, and his good report of her. Has acquainted the officers of the navy with his desire for 200*l.* [1710].

1716. [p. 283.] 20 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Sanderson,* Portsmouth yacht.—To prepare for transporting a gentleman or two to Calais on Monday next.

1717. [p. 283.] 24 *Aug. S. P. to Sir Martin Wescombe,*[4] at Cadiz.—Desires him to send forward the enclosed letters.

1718. [p. 283.] 24 *Aug. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[1] in the Downs.—To assist in convoying our trade. The Swan, lately returned from Iceland, is ordered to the Downs to follow his orders.

1719. [p. 284.] 24 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Binning,* Swan, at Yarmouth.—Has received his of the 22nd from Yarmouth Roads, and is glad of his safe return. He is to go to the Downs to follow the orders of Sir John Narbrough, commander of the Henrietta [1718]. The difference between him and his lieutenant is to be heard by a court-martial [1822].

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[1] See note to No. 1071.

[2] See note to No. 55.

[3] Vice-admiral of Devon [1469].

[4] Consul at Cadiz [1553].

1720. [p. 284.] 24 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Hamilton,* Mary Rose, at Tangier.—The king having thought fit at the instance of the merchants to appoint the Drake (which was designed to join with him on the service of Tangier) to accompany the Bristol in securing our merchants against those of Sallee [1771], his stricter attendance will be necessary at Tangier, and the rather in regard of the surprising death of the Earl of Middleton.[1]

1721. [p. 284.] 24 *Aug.* *The same to the same.*—The victualling agent at Tangier is to furnish him from time to time with victuals out of the stores of provisions laid in there for the use of his Majesty's ships.

1722. [p. 285.] 24 *Aug.* *S. P. to Captain Herbert,*[2] of the Cambridge, at Tangier.—Has received his of 17 June from the Bay at Cadiz. The Bristol and Drake are appointed to ply before Sallee, as well for securing his subjects as annoying the enemy; he is therefore to send the Crown home. Has taken notice to Captain Harris[3] of his denial of supplying him with some of his men, to which he gives an answer as little satisfactory as in the matter of the plate [1651]. Hopes by his next to hear better tidings of the health of his ship's company since his being discharged of the soldiers. Instructions are now preparing by Lord Arlington[4] for his going to Tripoli to confirm the last treaty, it being rendered necessary by the death of their late governor [1680]; his appearing as often as he can before Argeir would also be very useful.

1723. [p. 286.] 24 *Aug.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Pinn desires an increase in the Dartmouth's complement, in regard of the bad weather he may probably meet with in the Irish Seas this winter. Asks them to consider this [1763].

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[1] Governor of Tangier. 'In a fit of intoxication he fell down a staircase and broke his arm so badly that the bone protruded through the flesh; it mortified and caused his death' (*Complete Peerage*, v. 310, note [d]). See also *D. N. B.* xxxvii. 354.

[2] MS. 'Harbert.' See note to No. 1142.

[3] Commander of the Constant Warwick: see note to No. 353.

[4] See note to No. 1119.

1724. [p. 286.] 24 *Aug. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[1]—To respite doing anything to the Greyhound more than fitting her for sea, the daily instances of the interruption given our merchants by the Spanish privateers leading the king to apply as many of his small vessels as he can spare for the securing our trade. What is to be done to her by way of accommodation and ornament is therefore to be forborne till this work be over. The orders to the Wivenhoe shall be despatched to her commander.

1725. [p. 287.] 25 *Aug. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, at Kinsale.—Is sorry the orders for carrying over Lord Ossory[2] came so late to his hands [1642]. Will acquaint the king with his desire for an increase of his men [1723].

1726. [p. 287.] 26 *Aug. W. H.*[3] *to Captain Griffith*, Diamond, Downs.—Mr. Secretary Pepys is likely to be absent from the office for some days by the king's leave [1735, 1765], but his of the 21st shall be laid before him at his return.

1727. [p. 287.] 26 *Aug. W. H.*[3] *to Captain Country*,[4] commander of the Roebuck in the Downs.—Mr. Secretary P. will answer his of the 24th at his return [1726, 1735]; meanwhile the officers of the navy shall be acquainted as to what he writes touching the smallness of his complement. His proceedings as to the two privateers he met will no doubt be very well approved of.

1728. [p. 288.] 7 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[5]—Thanks him for his civilities to him at Dover; returned hither yesterday to find his of 23 and 31 Aug. touching the indignities lately done his Majesty upon the Anne yacht and Woolwich sloop. Concerning the former, orders to endeavour to bring in the Ostender are already sent him; the warrant enclosed is for the like to be done to the other two capers who offered the insolency to the sloop. As often as any of the ships appointed for security of the Channel do go forth, he is to call upon the commanders to use all diligence towards obtaining satisfaction. Believes the king and lords will express some mark of their displeasure upon Captain Carverth[1] for not having done more towards asserting the honour of his Majesty's flag [1760].

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[1] See note to No. 34.

[2] *D. N. B.* viii. 81.

[3] No doubt William Hewer, Pepys's clerk.

[4] See note to No. 1273.

[5] See note to No. 1071.

1729. [p. 288.] 7 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Rooke,*[2] Holmes.—Has received his of the 6th from Yarmouth Roads, and is glad of his safe arrival from Iceland and that his ship is in good condition, his Majesty having resolved to continue her abroad some time longer as one of the convoys to the herring fishery at Yarmouth. Encloses orders for his coming into the Hope to take in 2 months' victuals with all speed, as the fishermen are near ready to put to sea, and have no convoy.

Postscript.—If it is absolutely necessary for his ship to clean, it must be done at Sheerness.

1730. [p. 289.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[3]—The purser of the Mountagu remains yet in his employment, the matter of the complaint being not so ripened at the board as to have received any sentence from them.

1731. [p. 289.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Country,*[4] Roebuck, in the Downs.—The lords do not think fit at present to add to his complement of men.

1732. [p. 289.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[5] —Doubts not that upon his order the victualler's agent at Dover will supply him.

1733. [p. 290.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[6] —Thanks him for his advice of the 5th of the departure of the St. David at last on her voyage, 'it being much to be pitied that a ship of her charge should lie above 6 months together fruitless to his Majesty upon such an account as she hath done.' Thanks him also for his advice of Captain Clements[7] being ready for sea. Desires his care of the enclosed order to Captain Carverth,[1] of the Woolwich sloop, at Guernsey.

1734. [p. 290.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—The king and lords 'out of their great tenderness to the protection of trade in general and their particular regard to the concernment of your community in that of the herring-fishery,' have resolved that the Swan and Holmes (lately returned from attending the fishery in Iceland), with the Kitchen yacht, be appointed for the service they desire [1762]. Will also further their other desire of convoy for their ships to the Straits.

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[1] See note to No. 659. Captain Carverth was now commander of the Woolwich sloop [1733].

[2] See note to No. 1405.

[3] See note to No. 655.

[4] See note to No. 1273.

[5] See note to No. 1071.

[6] See note to No. 34.

[7] Commander of the Greyhound [1047].

1735. [p. 291.] 8 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has since his return from France seen theirs of 31 Aug. asking his opinion touching the slopseller's warrant. Was guided in the draught thereof by the style of his preceding warrant from his Royal Highness, but doubts not the king will admit any improvement they shall offer to it. But thinks the words in the present draught—'*To hold the said employment so long as he shall furnish our fleet with such clothes and at such rates as are appointed by the regulation for furnishing of clothes unto the seamen, or which shall at any time hereafter be appointed for them, and not longer,*' together with those in the establishment therein mentioned—'*That these several kinds of clothes, viz., Monmouth caps,*[1] *&c., and these alone be permitted to be sold for the benefit of those seamen that shall want them,*' place him to all intents under the restriction they desire.

Desires a little account how the matter stands touching Captain Tyrwhitt[2] in reference to the exceptions lately made to his ship's books, as the king hath of late been much solicited on his behalf with suggestions of his entire innocency, and that the whole of the fraud is imputable to the purser. They being the entire judges of this, the king commands their advice how far to give way to the suit of Captain Tyrwhitt's friends, whose poverty doth much incline his Majesty in his favour if innocent.

The Advice and Sweepstakes being suddenly expected home from Turkey, they are to consider what yards they should be laid up in.

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[1] 'Monmouth caps' were flat worsted caps, worn by soldiers and sailors. This reference to a regulation for furnishing clothes to seamen suggests that something of the nature of a uniform was already being provided in the navy.

[2] Captain John Tyrwhitt had been appointed commander of the Adventure in 1670. According to Charnock, he retired from the service soon after (*Biog. Nav.* i. 50) for a considerable time. In 1686, however, he was appointed to the Tiger (*supra*, vol. i. p. 417).

1736. [p. 292.] 10 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Langley,*[1] Harwich.—'In answer to your late letter touching the payment of the moneys you have been in disburse for the king upon the score of intelligence and prisoners, I am extremely troubled that I am not in condition to give you so good an answer as I could wish and your case deserves, forasmuch as the service to which the same relates came not at all within the cognisance of the lord high admiral or officers of the navy, but was done, as I think you inform me, by the immediate direction of my Lord Arlington[2] with promise of being paid for by himself, as you tell me others for the like service have been, so that my lords of the admiralty do not hold themselves in any wise concerned in providing for your payment unless by my Lord Arlington's means (who only is able to inform his Majesty of the truth and value of your service) his Majesty might be induced to send his order to my lords of the admiralty to take notice of your said service and give warrant for its payment, which, were it my own case, is all that I think would lie in my power to do towards my satisfaction. So that upon the whole all that I can advise as your friend is that you would apply yourself to my Lord Arlington, by Mr. Bridgeman[3] or who else of those gentlemen about him you use to correspond with, that if his lordship think it not his part to give you satisfaction, he would at least so far represent it to his Majesty as that the service being done by his command my lords of the admiralty may be empowered to do it out of the treasury of the navy.'

1736*a.* [p. 292.] 10 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Harman,*[4] Bristol, Tangier.—Hopes this will find him with his outward-bound voyage well despatched, and that he is entered upon the service his Majesty hath last appointed him to with the Drake, 'our merchants upon the Exchange being very uneasy at this time under the consideration of the danger their ships are exposed to from those of Sallee' [1692]. As to what he desires touching his going to Cadiz with the Drake to clean, 'his Majesty seems to suppose that that may as well be done at Tangier, where all necessaries are lodged for you.'

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[1] See note to No. 147.

[2] See note to No. 1119.

[3] See note to No. 794.

[4] See note to No. 1688.

1736*b*. [p. 293.] 10 *Sept*. *S. P. to the Navy Board*.—The lords being applied to by Lord Vaughan[1] desiring that 'forasmuch as the quantity of stores, guns, and ammunition which he is obliged to carry along with him to Jamaica is more than can be conveniently stowed in the man-of-war appointed to transport him thither,' some other expedient may be found, the writer is to desire them to peruse the enclosed particulars, and to report to the lords 'whether the Foresight will be able to carry them all without inconvenience, and if not, what may be the most husbandly way of transporting so much of them as the frigate cannot carry.'

Encloses a petition from Captain Billopp [1673], 'wherein, in case he cannot be wholly released of the bargain, he propounds that the ships by him lately bought, and for which he is not able to pay, may be put a second time to sale.' Desires them to consider 'what can be done better on his Majesty's behalf than what he propounds, upon a presumption of his being utterly unable by any effects he can at present be found master of, to give the king real satisfaction for the whole.'

1736*c*. [p. 293.] 10 *Sept*. *S. P. to Captain London*, Norwich, in the Downs.—Has received his of the 8th mentioning that his provisions are almost expended, 'which having acquainted his Majesty with,' he has directed Sir John Narbrough[2] to order him 6 weeks' victuals from Dover. The lords do not think fit to increase his complement of men, 'it being the number established for her in time of peace upon home service.'

1737. [p. 294.] 10 *Sept*. *S. P. to Sir James Johnson*, at Yarmouth.—Will not give an opinion in the case he desires it, but upon the coming in of a like prize into Yarmouth, and dispute arising concerning the disposal of some of her lading by the Frenchman that took her, it was declared by the judge of the admiralty, grounded upon the 21st article of the Treaty at Breda, that no part of the prize ought to be disposed of in any of his Majesty's ports, more than what appeared to be absolutely necessary for putting her into a condition of sailing to the next port of the prince to which the vessel that took her belongs.

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[1] See note to No. 1657.

[2] See note to No. 1071.

1738. [p. 294.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Clements,*[1] Portsmouth.—To use diligence in transporting the agent for Jersey thither and returning to the Downs.

1739. [p. 294.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2] —Thanks him for his news of the 8th concerning the Dutch fleet. To order the Norwich 6 weeks' victuals from Dover to enable her to continue abroad [1736*c*]. Sir Richard Munden [3] in the Assistance is returned to Plymouth from transporting the Spanish ambassador [1674]. On his coming to the Downs he is to employ him for securing trade in the Channel.

1740. [p. 295.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to the Governor of Tangier.*—Encloses an order for one of the king's ships at Tangier to transport back to Livorne the soldiers and slaves that were sent by the Grand [4] Duke of Tuscany for bringing about his Majesty's galley to Tangier [1761]. On the arrival of the galley he is to acquaint Sir John Duteil [5] with it, and cause it to be delivered as is directed [1750].

1741. [p. 295.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Sir Martin Wescombe.*[6]—To send the enclosed letters as directed.

1742. [p. 295.] 10 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Sanders*[*on*].[7] —Encloses orders for his sailing to Rye to transport the Swedes' ambassador to France [1751].

1743. [p. 295.] 12 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[8] —To hasten up hither to receive directions touching his building a 5th rate frigate by contract in the river of Thames [1744].

1744. [p. 296.] 14 *Sept. The same to the same.*— Upon notice just now given him by the officers of the navy that some money will be going out to-morrow towards Portsmouth for the payment of the yard, he desires him to stay till the pay be over before he comes up [1743].

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[1] Commander of the Greyhound [1047].

[2] See note to No. 1071.

[3] *D. N. B.* xxxix. 301.

[4] MS. 'great.'

[5] See note to No. 1023.

[6] Consul at Cadiz [1553].

[7] Pepys's *Register* mentions four captains named 'Sanders,' a lieutenant named 'Saunders,' and two captains named 'Saunderson' (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 402–3). Although the name 'Sanders' is written here, the letter is indexed by Pepys under 'Sanderson,' and No. 1751 identifies his correspondent quite clearly as Captain Ralph Sanderson, commander of the Portsmouth yacht.

[8] See note to No. 34.

1745. [p. 296.] 14 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Country*,[1] Roebuck, Downs.—Hopes the defects of his ship are not so great but that she may safely continue abroad till her victuals are expended, by which time the king will have come to a perfect resolution concerning the winter guard.

1746. [p. 296.] 14 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2]—To take on board only a month's victuals at present, till the king decides about the winter guard.

1747. [p. 297.] 14 *Sept. S. P. to Sir Robert Southwell.*[3]—This morning has received the enclosed from the captain of the Dartmouth, 'which when you have perused pray return me, and tell me how you like some part of it when I see you next.' Desires his recollecting what gratuities have at any time been given by the lords commissioners for prizes to commanders of the king's ships for their good service in taking prizes from the enemy, Captain Hobbs[4] having applied himself to his Majesty on that behalf for his service in being at the taking of the East India ships at St. Helena.[5]

1748. [p. 297.] 14 *Sept. S. P. to Sir Leoline*[6] *Jenkins.*—The king and lords were 'well satisfied with what hath been propounded by Mr. Common Serjeant of having the matter of right brought in issue by a feigned action or other fitting method at the bar; and that to the end both they and my lords of the council may be the fuller informed in the grounds of your pretences on behalf of the lord high admiral in the matter in question, they will expect your bringing them at the council board on Friday morning next what in your letter you are pleased to offer touching your digesting the state of the case and laying the same before them in writing, upon which, and the opinion of the attorney- and solicitor-general thereon, . . . his Majesty will come to some full determinations touching your further proceedings.' Encloses the names of the commissioners for the admiralty, and will wait on him touching the addition of some of the principal officers and commissioners of the navy, of whose number it hath been usual to have some inserted in the commission of oyer and terminer [1911].

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[1] See note to No. 1273.

[2] See note to No. 1071.

[3] See note to No. 345.

[4] Commander of the Levant Merchant (*supra*, vol. i. p. 365).

[5] See note to No. 198.

[6] MS. 'Lyolin.' See note to No. 1695

1749. [p. 298.] 15 *Sept. S. P. to Colonel Robinson.*—The lords approve his taking out his and his officers' commissions for the vice-admiralty of North Wales at the beginning of the Michaelmas term.

1750. [p. 298.] 15 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The lords have resolved to write to the Governor of Tangier for the time being,[1] desiring him to do what shall be necessary for the reception and safe and commodious keeping of the galley upon her arrival there; of this they are to advise Sir John Duteil[2] as they think fitting [1740]. Hears from Captain Pinn of the Dartmouth that the beef and pork which he lately took in at Kinsale is so very bad that the men cannot eat it; they are desired to do therein as is best for the king's service. He also writes that the ship hath been so long off the ground that the tallow is washed off of her sides and the ship much water-soaken, which may much prejudice her if not timely prevented; they are to consider whether she may not be cleaned at Kinsale.

1751. [p. 298.] 15 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Sanders*[*on*],[3] Portsmouth [yacht], at Rye.—Will give him notice when the Swedish ambassador is ready to depart [1742].

1752. [p. 299.] 15 *Sept. S. P. to Sir Thomas Bridges.*[4]—According to his desire, the lords will not require an answer from him till his coming to town shortly after Michaelmas.

1753. [p. 299.] 15 *Sept. S. P. to Commissioner Deane.*[5]—Thanks for his advices.

1754. [p. 299.] 16 *Sept. S. Pepys to Sir John Narbrough.*[6]—Desires him to hasten the Swan away to Yarmouth as fast as he can, in regard the herring fishers will be very suddenly at sea [1734]. The Greyhound met at Portsmouth duplicates of the orders sent him for her going to Jersey [1738], so he is not to expect her till she has performed that service [1712].

1755. [p. 299.] 16 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Rooke,*[7] at

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[1] See note to No. 1720.

[2] See note to No. 1023.

[3] See note to No. 1742.

[4] Probably the Sir Thomas Bridges who was vice-admiral of Somerset [712].

[5] See note to No. 34.

[6] See note to No. 1071.

[7] See note to No. 1405.

Sheerness.—The king and lords approve the despatch he intends to use in fitting his ship for going forth again.

1756. [p. 300.] 16 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir Robert Robinson.*[1]—Encloses a warrant from the lords for holding a court-martial upon Captain Haddock, late commander of the Ann and Christopher fireship, upon occasion of some misdemeanours wherewith he stands charged [1698]; desires him to call for the papers at Derby House[2] on Friday morning at eight [1757].

1757. [p. 300.] 16 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Brisbane*, judge-advocate.—Desires him to meet Sir Robert Robinson on the same occasion [1756] on Friday at eight.

1758. [p. 301.] 17 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Wylde,*[3] Centurion, at Portsmouth.—Inquiry will be made into the grounds of the ill-usage he and the rest of his Majesty's ships have met with at Cadiz. The king prefers the general benefit of the service, by keeping his ship at the yard where she was designed to be laid up by the navy board, to the particular convenience he propounds in the safe bringing about of his wine, which may be sent about into the River by the dogger [1779.] He is to provide with all despatch for the paying off of his ship by the timely making ready his books, and doing what shall be advised by the commissioner and officers of the yard towards taking out his stores and putting the ship into a condition of being brought into ordinary.

Postscript.—The duke coming home since his writing hereof, entirely approves of what the king has determined, adding that if the dogger be too full to bring the wine it should remain on board him till some other vessel be provided.

1759. [p. 301.] 18 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Brisbane.*[4]—Adds to the papers he has had from him [1756, 1757] the enclosed petition of Captain Haddock,[5] wherein he owns the fault [1881] and submits himself to the king for punishment.

1760. [p. 302.] 19 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Cooke.*[6]—Captain

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[1] See note to No. 1367.

[2] See note to No. 1012.

[3] Captain Charles Wylde. Pepys's *Register* also mentions three other officers with the same surname—'Baron Wilde,' 'Thomas Wilde,' and 'Thomas Wylde.'

[4] Judge-advocate [1757].

[5] See note to No. 1630.

[6] Possibly John Cooke, Mr. Secretary Coventry's clerk (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1672–3, index).

Carverth is at sea, but on his return in a day or two the king intends to try him at a court-martial for his failure in not asserting the honour of the flag [1728]. Will send the state of his affair to him if it will be of any use, with his affidavit, which will be taken as soon as he comes in.

1761. [p. 302.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Doubts not but they have received the lords' directions for remitting 200*l.* to Tangier for satisfying the officers and men lent by the Duke of Tuscany. Orders are sent to the governor [1740] directing the Mary Rose, or the first ship of the king's that shall come thither bound up the Straits, to carry back the said men to Leghorn. Orders will be sent for graving the Dartmouth at Kinsale, and cleaning and fitting the Holmes at Sheerness.

1762. [p. 303.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—The convoys for their fishing vessels are hastening all that may be, the Swan waiting only some fair weather in the Downs to get her victuals on board from Dover, and the Holmes being taking in a supply of victuals at Sheerness. Both will be under way the beginning of next week. The Kitchen yacht being not returned, the Merlin is appointed in her room, who likewise will sail for the River the beginning of next week [1734]. Desires the enclosed to be sent on board Captain Binning[1] so soon as he shall arrive in the Roads.

1763. [p. 303.] 19 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, at Kinsale.—Has received his of the 11th from Minehead, and has acquainted the officers of the navy with the badness of his beef and pork [1750]. The lords have directed his complement to be made up 100[2] during this winter season [1723]. The officers of the navy are ordered to direct the speedy graving of his ship at Kinsale [1761].

1764. [p. 304.] 21 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Sanderson*,[3] Portsmouth yacht.—To transport Monsieur Fallezo to Dieppe when he goes over with the Swedish ambassador [1742, 1751].

1765. [p. 304.] 21 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Country*,[4]

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[1] Commander of the Swan [1719].

[2] The Dartmouth was a 5th rate, and her ordinary complement during time of peace was 90 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 275).

[3] See note to No. 1742.

[4] See note to No. 1273.

Roebuck, in the Downs.—Thanks for his civilities to him and his company at Mardyke. When next at Dunkirk, desires him to present the writer's thanks to Mr. Herriford, Mr. Powell, and others of his countrymen who did him the kindness of a visit when he was at Dunkirk.

1766. [p. 304.] 21 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[1] in the Downs.—Has received his two letters of the 18th, with the enclosed packet to his Majesty from the King of Argeir, which was to let the king know that 'having not heard anything from his Majesty since the peace made by Sir Edward Spragge[2] touching the redemption of English captives there, which by the treaty and Sir Edward's promise they say we obliged ourselves to do, and that upon that consideration it was that they covenanted not to dispose of them otherwise than to the English upon the payment of their ransom, which covenant they have strictly kept to, forbearing to sell them, or employ them otherwise than in the town of Argeir, which is at last, they say, become very troublesome to their patrons, to such a degree that a mutiny or two hath been occasioned upon it, the last of which was not to be allayed but upon promise of this letter to his Majesty; they therefore desire that his Majesty will think fit, in case he expects the continuance of the peace with them, to provide money and ships for the redeeming of the captives before the 30th of November next.' The king has resolved to send enough money to stop the present breach, and give them grounds of expecting more for ransoming the rest, which business may occasion him some work into the Straits, so desires to know his mind concerning it, and the present condition of his ship [1777].

The king concurs with him that Lieutenant Hunt[3] must at least be parted from his captain, and therefore approves of what he has done in taking him on board him [1773].

1767. [p. 305.] 21 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Country,*[4] Roebuck, Downs.—Shall know the pleasure of the king and lords about the disposal of his ship before his victuals will be out.

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[1] See note to No. 1071.

[2] On Sir Edward Spragge's Mediterranean expedition, and his treaty of December 1671 with Algiers, see *D. N. B.* liii. 419.

[3] Henry Hunt had been appointed lieutenant of the Swan prize 1 Dec. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 369).

[4] See note to No. 1273.

1768. [p. 305.] 21 *Sept. S. P. to Sir Nathaniel Herne.*[1]—Desires him to send the enclosed either to his Majesty's consul or to some other safe hand at Alicante.

1769. [p. 305.] 21 *Sept. S. P. to Mr. John Shish,*[2] at Sheerness.—The lords are pleased with his care in the despatch of the Holmes.

1770. [p. 306.] 21 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Herbert[3] writes that, being not able to procure a supply of provisions at Tangier for the Cambridge, he was forced to go to Leghorn for it—a thing 'of too much import to the king to let pass uninquired into, not only with respect to the misreckoning which we seem to have lain under of having a store of provisions actually provided, as well as declared for, at Tangier, but from the disappointment it must necessarily be of to his Majesty that whatever the service is that may call for the use of his ships elsewhere (as it doth at this time at Tangier and the mouth of the Straits in regard of the Sallee men-of-war), they must be driven to go to Leghorn for supply of their victuals.' Desires them therefore to make a strict and speedy inquiry.

1771. [p. 306.] 21 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Herbert,*[3] at Alicante.—Has received his of 26 Aug. from Leghorn, and is extremely glad to hear of his recovery. The lords are surprised at the want of provisions at Tangier, there having been a quantity long since declared for [1770]. [*Next follows a summary of the packet from Algiers as in No.* 1766.] The king has resolved to send some money, so the writer gives him advice thereof in order to his making such use of it as he shall see convenient either for his Majesty's or the merchants' service.

The Bristol and Drake are appointed, after their arrival at Tangier, to go towards Sallee to annoy those of that place and secure the king's subjects from them [1720], so he must not expect the Bristol to join him at Alicante.

1772. [p. 308.] 22 *Sept. S. Pepys to the chief officers of the Vice-Admiralty of Norfolk.*—Desires them to give the bearer all needful assistance in the despatch of the affair of the Caagh of Phernamburg [*sic*], pursuant to the lords' directions in their letter of 3 July last to Lord Townshend.[1]

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[1] See note to No. 1879.

[2] See note to No. 1683.

[3] See note to No. 1142.

1773. [p. 308.] 23 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2]—Has received the papers concerning Captain Binning and his lieutenant [1766]. It is the king's pleasure that Lieutenant Hunt be forthwith set at liberty.

1774. [p. 308.] 23 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Rooke.*[3]—Has received his of the 21st from the Hope. Has spoken to the officers of the navy to quicken his victuals, which being on board he is to hasten to his station, where he will find the Swan, who is already sailed from the Downs.

1775. [p. 309.] 24 *Sept.* *S. P. to the commanders of any of his Majesty's ships, officers of customs, or any others whom this shall or may concern.*—Certificate that the bearer, Mr. Anthony Crow, gunner of the Cleveland yacht, with 7 seamen more, is sent to fetch over from Holland his Majesty's late yacht the Katherine, according to such orders as he shall receive from Alderman Backwell.[4]

1776. [p. 309.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Carter,* Crown.—His desire of coming into the River cannot be complied with, his Majesty having long since, by the advice of the officers of the navy, issued his orders for the distribution of the ships then abroad, by which he is allotted to Portsmouth.

1777. [p. 310.] 25 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2]—Is glad his ship is in so ready a condition [1766]. Encloses orders for his repairing to Portsmouth, where he will meet with orders for his refitting and victualling for 4 months for a voyage to the Straits. He is designed to go alone at present with money for the redemption of the captives [1766, 1788, 1834], which he will take in at Cadiz [1786], but he will have power to take the Cambridge and Mary Rose, or one of them at least, from Tangier.

1778. [p. 310.] 26 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Jenifer,* Saudados,[5] in the Downs.—The king and lords are satisfied with his account of the 24th of his deportment towards the Ostenders. Lieutenant Jenifer's[1] absence will be no prejudice to him, 'I being the king's remembrancer no less in behalf of the absent than those that are daily soliciting, as you will find by the majority of those whom his Majesty hath been pleased of late to bestow employments upon, showing that not the importunity of those who daily solicit him, but his regard to the qualifications of the persons, upon the view of the list of pretenders by me shown him upon occasion of every vacancy, hath governed him in his choice.'

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[1] Vice-admiral of Norfolk. *D. N. B.* lvii. 128.

[2] See note to No. 1071.

[3] Commander of the Holmes: see note to No. 1405.

[4] See note to 1451.

[5] See note to No. 55.

1779. [p. 311.] 26 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Wylde,*[2] at Portsmouth.—Has received his of the 21st with advice of the Deal dogger being come away directly to the Downs without touching at Portsmouth, which having acquainted his Majesty and Royal Highness with, the writer has their directions for sending a yacht about to fetch their wine [1758]. Desires him to send up a journal of his last voyage.

1780. [p. 311.] 26 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[3] Pearl, Downs.—Will acquaint the king with the condition of his ship when he shall come to the settling of the winter guard, which he will shortly do.

1781. [p. 311.] 26 *Sept. S. P. to Sir Denis Gauden.*[4]—There happening occasion for a man-of-war to go into the Straits (in 10 days at the furthest) [1777], the writer acquaints him of it that he may take the benefit of her convoy for such vessels as he can have in readiness to go to Tangier before the convoy designed next month or the beginning of November will be ready.

1782. [p. 312.] 26 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[5]—The Roebuck is to continue abroad in her station, so desires him to give or leave orders for her commander to bring her forthwith to Sheerness, there to be caulked and victualled. Hopes his next will find him at Portsmouth, where orders will meet him for his fitting forth.

1783. [p. 312.] 26 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Rooke,*[6]

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[1] Perhaps John Jenifer, lieutenant of the Barnaby (*supra*, vol. i. p. 370).

[2] See note to No. 1758.

[3] See note to No. 1077.

[4] One of the victualling contractors [738].

[5] See note to No. 1071.

[6] Commander of the Holmes: see note to No. 1405.

Hope.—Hopes his victuals are come down to him; is sorry their backwardness hinders his being at his station, where he supposes the Swan now is. He has done very well in advising him of the master of the merchantman's insolent denial of paying the respect due to his Majesty's ship, for which he will be called to a strict account by the lords; but the writer hopes he will have nothing to retort against any of his officers or company for violence or ill language, a fault which is often found to be the occasion of this sort of neglect in merchantmen.

1784. [p. 313.] 26 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Royden*,[1] Deptford.—Hopes that according to his instructions he informs the officers of the navy on the state of his ship, and his progress in getting her ready for sea. As to the man arrested, the lords 'will do in his as their practice is in other cases for the discharging of any man that is arrested in the king's service without their leave. But pray let not the party concerned imagine that my lords will strain this power of theirs to countenance any undue practice of his to the prejudice of his creditors; but expect that if his creditors discharge him from the present arrest and petition their lordships for leave to arrest him, their lordships will not deny it in case the party after a little time given him to that purpose does not give their lordships satisfaction touching the same.'

1785. [p. 313.] 26 *Sept.* *S. P. to Captain Voteer*,[2] Ann and Christopher.—Desires him to entertain Captain Joseph Perriman, late commander of the William dogger,[3] as his mate on board his fireship, 'it being suitable to the king's method in relation to other officers who have served in the fleet that they be again employed rather than others, where they shall be found fitting for it.'

1786. [p. 314.] Whitehall. *Sunday*, 27 *Sept.* 'Sent by express at 10 at night.' *S. P. to Captain Carter*, Crown.—To send up a particular of the money (gold or silver) that he has brought home with him from Spain or Portugal, with the names of the persons to whom each parcel is consigned, taking care not to part with it till he hears further from the king, 'it being in order to his supplying himself (with satisfaction to the merchants concerned) with the said moneys towards raising the sum of pieces of eight necessary to be presently sent to Argeir for redemption of the captives there [1777], and without this help the town is not at present able to furnish my lord treasurer with pieces of eight enough at any rate. This is sent by express to you both to the Downs and Portsmouth that we may have certain answer and speedily' [1793, 1799].

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[1] Captain Charles Royden had been appointed to the command of the Guernsey on 12 Sept. (*supra*, vol. i. p. 400).

[2] John Voteer had been appointed commander of the Ann and Christopher fireship on 14 Sept. (*supra*, vol. i. p. 418).

[3] See notes to Nos. 286 and 882.

1787. [p. 314.] 28 *Sept.* *S. P. to Sir Nathaniel Herne.*[1]—Has shown his received this morning to the lord treasurer, who hath directed Mr. Bertie[2] to be upon the Exchange this day to meet him. Sir John Narbrough is ordered from the Downs to Portsmouth, there to refit and victual, which may be about 8 days' work, after which he takes the first wind for Cadiz and so for Argeir [1777].

1788. [p. 315.] 28 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. Martin.*[3]—Has from all hands (the king himself, as well as Lord Arlington[4] and others) met with a general good liking of his behaviour and discretion in his present difficult employment [1803], with regard both to the honour of the service and the content of the merchants. Thanks him for his present of the lion, which came well to him, and is at this time in the writer's house, 'as tame as you sent him, and as good company.' Acquaints him with the contents of a packet received about 7 days since from the king and government of Argeir, which was at sea by an Argeir man-of-war put on board an English vessel bound homewards, and delivered to Sir John Narbrough in the Downs, and contains 'an absolute demand of the redemption of all the English slaves before the end of November' [1766]. Though it does not appear by the terms of the treaty that his Majesty is bound to any certain limitation of time, yet 'so tender is he of giving any the least occasion of a breach with that government,' as that he hath resolved upon sending of the money by Sir John Narbrough in the Henrietta, so that he may be at Argeir before the expiration of the time set, he being at this time preparing himself for his voyage, and the money provided [1786]. But because of the accidents of wind and weather, 'the king hath thought it expedient to give the government and you his minister advice of this his resolution' by this express sent overland to Marseilles, where a ketch (sent thither on another occasion) lies in readiness to receive it [1789]. Hopes 'the amity between us and that government will receive no interruption, it importing us very much that it should not.' Will endeavour to obtain the reimbursement of what he laid out for giving satisfaction for the two slaves carried away by the Plymouth and Dover, a misbehaviour the king and lords 'are to the utmost degree dissatisfied with, and are resolved to prevent it by the strictest prohibition they can give against it, and the severest punishments they can inflict against any that shall be hereafter found guilty of committing the like crimes.'

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[1] See note to No. 1879.

[2] MS. 'Bartie': see note to No. 452.

[3] Consul at Algiers [1871].

[4] See notes to Nos. 1119 and 1803.

1789. [p. 316.] 28 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Anguish*, Deptford ketch, at Marseilles.—The king has as yet given no orders about the wine which he is to receive on board, but orders are enclosed for him to lose no time in transporting letters to Argeir [1788, 1802, 1913].

1790. [p. 317.] 28 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Sir John Narbrough writes from the Downs that he intended to sail last night towards Portsmouth to refit, and that he doubts the greatest delay will be in getting his provisions on board in case the iron-bound cask for the beer be not timely made ready, of which he will need near 50 tun. Desires them to quicken the victualler, and to take care in supplying him with such boatswain's and carpenter's stores as they shall judge fitting for the voyage. They are to send Sir J. N. word to what number his complement is to be increased, and to take care for the timely procuring of them.

1791. [p. 317.] 29 *Sept. S. P. to Captain Day*, Bezan yacht.—To attend the Royal Oak in her passage about to Chatham, and observe Sir Robert Robinson's[1] orders; this done, to return to Greenwich.

1792. [p. 318.] 29 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Is very fearful lest more time may be lost in the carrying down of the Royal Oak, if some course be not taken for supplying Sir Robert Robinson[1] with men beyond what any means he useth will get him. It being 'a shame to press on so small an occasion,' the writer suggests borrowing some, either from the Garland coming into the River, or from the French Ruby at Sheerness.

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[1] See note to No. 1367.

1793. [p. 318.] 29 *Sept. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden.*[1]—Encloses orders for his succeeding Sir John Narbrough in his command in the Downs, and recommends to his special care the protection of trade, 'now so much annoyed by the privateers of our neighbours.' Desires to know where Captain Carter of the Crown is, as no answer has been received to an express sent away on Sunday evening upon an affair of extraordinary importance [1786]. He is to press Captain London[2] to the speedy execution of the orders sent him last night for his repair to Portsmouth.

1794. [p. 319.] 29 *Sept. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[3]—Has written to the navy officers to quicken his victuals and stores [1790]; and has sent the king's orders to the master of the ordnance to supply his demand of ammunition and gunner's stores. He will receive advice from the navy officers as to the number of men he is to bear in this present voyage.

Postscript.—Since writing, has received his second letter of the 27th, and hopes this will find him well arrived at Portsmouth. His Majesty and Royal Highness designing to set forth for Newmarket to-morrow, the writer is commanded to bring him to confer with them there.

1795. [p. 320.] 30 *Sept. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Encloses Commissioner Deane's[4] propositions for building two ships for the king [1796, 1797], desiring them to treat with him touching the terms thereof, and report to the lords with all speed, and especially on the method propounded by him of contracting for their rigging, apparel, and stores of all sorts for a 6 months' voyage, excepting the gunner's stores—a method not heretofore at any time practised in the navy. Desires them, as soon as they have completed their inquiry into the state of the victuals at Kinsale [1750], to let him know what order will be necessary from the lords touching the disposal of so much thereof as shall be found good, either to the Dartmouth, that is upon the place, or otherwise [1807].

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[1] See note to No. 1572.

[2] Commander of the Norwich [1351].

[3] Commander of the Henrietta, now bound on a voyage to Algiers to treat for the redemption of captives [1788]. *D. N. B.* xl. 89.

[4] See note to No. 34.

1796. [p. 320.] [*No date.*] *Commissioner Deane's proposal for building a small frigate* [1795].—Length by the keel, 90 feet; 27½ feet broad—according to the design approved by the king—for 2,669*l.*, and to complete the same with all manner of ironwork, joiner's work, carving, painting, and glazing, by the end of April next; but if it may be dispensed with to finish by the end of July, it shall be done for 2,440*l.*, which is 6*l.* 10*s.* per ton for the hull.

To build the hull, masts, yards, boats, rigging, anchors and sails, blocks, tops, pumps, boatswain's and carpenter's stores, complete for a 6 months' voyage—gunner's stores excepted—4,175*l.* 10*s.*

One third to be paid at sealing the contract, one third when the upper futtocks are up, the remainder when launched and finished.

1797. [p. 320.] [*No date.*] *The same for building one equal in dimensions with the Greyhound.*—75 feet by the keel; 22½ feet broad—for the hull complete, 1,432*l.* Rigged and fitted [*as above*, 1796], 2,481*l.* 10*s.* To be paid for as above [1796].

1798. [p. 321.] 30 *Sept.* *S. P. to Mr. John Pepys.*[1]—'Believing that it may not only be useful in some sort, but also of some reputation to the Brotherhood of Trinity House if some 3 or 4 of the ancientest and ablest members thereof (I mean besides those that are of the navy office) should be put into the commission of oyer and terminer for the admiralty which will shortly be issued, pray some time this day send me a perfect list of all the present Elder Brethren, with a mark on those whom you conceive may be fittest to be inserted, the length of whose experience may be best able to enlighten the court in any matters relating to the customs of the sea.'

1799. [p. 321.] 30 *Sept.* '5 of the clock in the afternoon, by express.' *S. P. to Captain Carter.*[2]—His delay in answering Sunday's express [1786] hath been matter of much offence as well as disappointment to the king and lords [1808, 1831]. It necessitated the lord treasurer to make his whole provision for satisfying the Algerines by bills of exchange upon terms less certain and advantageous than they might have been ; he is, therefore, to deliver the money as originally arranged.

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[1] See note to No. 418.

[2] Commander of the Crown [1786].

1800. [p. 322.] 1 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Stock,*[1] at Dover. —The king does not think fit that any of the frigates in the Channel be employed for the convoy of any one particular merchant ship, lest by that means they may be diverted from some service that may be of a more general benefit to trade; he is therefore to apply to Sir Richard Munden[2] [1793], who will do him all the kindness that can consist with the general good of the service.

1801. [p. 322.] 1 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Gunman*, Anne yacht.—To sail to Calais (taking care to get thither by the 4th inst.) and transport the Marquis de Vitry to Hamburg ;[3] and, having landed him, to return to Greenwich.

1802. [p. 323.] 1 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Anguish*, Deptford ketch, Marseilles.—His liberty of going to Livorne contrary to orders has occasioned much trouble to the king and lords, by rendering uncertain his being at Marseilles at the time of the arrival of the express of the 28th [1789]. Encloses a copy of a letter sent him this day to Livorne [1803]. He to use the utmost diligence in transporting the packet to Argeir, if not already done.

1803. [p. 324.] 1 *Oct. The same to the same*, Deptford ketch, at Livorne [1802].—A packet having been sent him to Marseilles [1789], grounded upon a certain expectation of finding him there, where by his instructions of 15 June he was to stay until he received orders from the consul for his departure, it was matter of no little surprise to learn from his of 15 Sept., which came to hand yesterday, that he had adventured to go to Livorne upon pretence of having from thence a supply of provisions, and an inducement given him by the merchants that no wines could be ready to be shipped within 6 weeks, though nothing in his instructions gave him any ground to conceive that his errand thither was to fetch wine, nor (as appears from his own letter) was he in any present want of provisions ; 'an action which, besides the breach of orders, is likely to have many irreparable consequences of prejudice both to his Majesty and his subjects' in case the packet for Argeir should happen by his absence not to arrive time enough to prevent them. This comes to tell him that (leaving him to answer for this his proceeding at another time), in case this shall find him at Livorne he is to apply himself to Mr. Ball, merchant there, to whom a duplicate of his Majesty's letter to the government and another of Mr. Secretary Williamson's[1] to the consul at Argeir was directed, and having delivered it with all speed to Mr. Martin, his Majesty's consul there [1788], and having performed such further orders as he shall receive from the said consul, he is to return to Marseilles for further orders [1913].

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[1] Indexed by Pepys under 'Stockdale' by mistake.

[2] Commander of the Assistance [858], and now commander-in-chief in the Downs in succession to Sir John Narbrough [1793]. *D. N. B.* xxxix. 301.

[3] MS. 'Hambrough.'

1804. [p. 325.] 2 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Rooth.*[2]—Desires him to send up duplicates of his late orders to every of the ships he left behind him in the Straits, that the lords may 'satisfy themselves in the method of their respective executions of the same.'

1805. [p. 325.] 2 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Dickenson,*[3] Hunter.—To sail to Long Reach,[4] and there take in his guns, stores, and provisions, and then sail into the Hope for further orders.

Underwritten: 'The like to Captain Royden, commander of the Guernsey.'[5]

1806. [p. 325.] 2 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Jenifer,* Saudados,[6] Downs.—Thanks for his advices of 30 Sept.

1807. [p. 326.] 2 *Oct.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Norwich after refitting at Portsmouth being designed for Ireland, gives an opportunity for her taking some of the victuals at Kinsale [1795, 1896] in her way by taking less here.

1808. [p. 326.] 2 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Carter,* Crown, Downs.—Hopes he has given satisfaction to the merchants in the payment of the moneys he brought home for them, the delay wherein arising from the delay in his return to the writer's other express of the 27th [1786, 1799] 'hath occasioned a great deal of unnecessary discourse in the town touching that little stop made to the present delivery of the said moneys, aggravated by your giving copies out of my said letter.' The king and lords desire a particular of when he received the express and despatched his answer [1811]. To lose no time in his repair to Portsmouth.

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[1] On 11 Sept. the Earl of Arlington had resigned the secretaryship of state in favour of Sir Joseph Williamson (*D. N. B.* iv. 232).

[2] See note to No. 792.

[3] Captain Richard Dickenson (or Dickeson) had been appointed to the command of the Hunter on 12 Sept. Pepys's *Register* gives two other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. p. 345).

[4] Between Erith and Gravesend.

[5] See note to No. 1784.

[6] See note to No. 55.

1809. [p. 333.[1]] 2 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has received theirs of the 29th touching the ground of the Cambridge and want of provisions at Tangier, whence this only satisfaction seems at present to be collected, that probably there was a sufficiency of victuals in that place for victualling that ship, but whether of victuals provided for the navy only or in common for the navy and garrison doth not appear. It may be thought useful for the time to come to have the bills of lading express what is intended for the garrison and what for the sea-service, so that the board may not be misled to a dependence of victuals there for the use of the navy, while the lords commissioners for Tangier by their accounts may have grounds to judge that those very provisions are belonging to the garrison.

1810. [p. 327.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to the Lord Treasurer.*—Has inquired into the reason of Sir John Holmes's[2] bill not being paid, and finds that since the date of it only 2 bills have been paid of the like kind for ships bought by the king—the Hunter and the Swan—and these by moneys especially appointed the lords.

1811. [p. 327.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden,*[3] Downs.—Has written to Captain Carter for a more particular account of the express [1808], it relating to a matter of too much moment to be so neglected as not to have an answer till Thursday at noon to an express sent away upon Sunday. It is necessary that the fault should be rightly laid and severely corrected.

1812. [p. 328.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Rooke,*[4] Holmes, Yarmouth.—Thanks for his of 29 Sept. giving an account of his arrival in the Roads, from whence he presumes the magistrates will take care that no time be lost in his being enabled by a pilot to depart on the service designed on their behalf [1762]. Some course will be taken by the lords with the person whose insolence was complained of in his last [1783].

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[1] This letter is out of order in the MS. It was probably not sent till 3 Oct.

[2] *D. N. B.* xxvii. 192.

[3] See note to No. 1800.

[4] See note to No. 1405.

1813. [p. 328.] 3 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Royden*,[1] Guernsey, Deptford.—Thanks him for his account of his proceedings in fitting his ship.

1814. [p. 329.] 3 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir John Werden*,[2] Newmarket.—Finds by the Downs list that the Henrietta sailed yesterday for Portsmouth. Has just received a letter from Captain Russell[3] of the Swallow, who is arrived in the Downs from the Straits (having left the Bonadventure behind him † for 6 days to N.W. of †[4] Sallee), and brought Lady Middleton[5] home with him [1720]. Desires him to move his Royal Highness to prevail on the king to bestow the office of clerk of the passage at Dover on Mr. Tiddeman, son of the late Sir Thomas Tiddeman, upon the death of Mr. Bastincke, who lies speechless, if not dead. This is out of regard for the memory of his father, and since he finds on inquiry that Mr. T. is 'reported to be a very worthy, honest man, well esteemed among his neighbours, and one every way fit for the employment.'

1815. [p. 329.] '3 *Oct.*, at noon, sent express by Mr. Harris.' *The same to the same.*—Desires his favour in getting the king's hand to the enclosed warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley[6] for the speedy issuing of his stores from the ordnance, and first the shot and bullets, till which be on board (as being to lie undermost) the master of the vessel hired to transport them will not be in condition of ballasting his ship nor taking in any other part of his provision or lading. Desires also to know the number to which the king limits Lord Vaughan[7] in his retinue and passengers the charge of whose transportation his Majesty shall think fit to defray, Lord Vaughan demanding provisions for 100 persons [1841], the charge whereof will be considerable, and particularly no less than 6*l.* a head for those that must be transported on the merchant ships, which the officers of the navy judge will be at least 50. It is needful that this should be ascertained for preventing what his Majesty suffered in the late case of Sir Jonathan Atkins [1646], whose retinue rose from the 20 first demanded to 40 when he came on board the St. David, 'where they are now all eating at his Majesty's charge.'

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[1] See note to No. 1784.

[2] See note to No. 1654.

[3] See note to No. 758.

[4] These words are not very legible in the MS. and the reading is conjectural.

[5] See note to No. 1720.

[6] Master-general of the ordnance. *D. N. B.* x. 231.

[7] See note to No. 1657.

Postscript.—Enclosed is the fresh estate of our sea matters for him to tender to his Royal Highness.

1816. [p. 330.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Russell,*[1] Swallow, Downs.—After welcoming him home [1814], these are in his Majesty's absence to signify his commands (some time since sent to Plymouth in expectation of his calling there) to repair to Woolwich, in the meantime getting his books ready for paying off, and according to his instructions sending up a copy of his journal for the satisfaction of the lords. If his gunner is convicted of embezzlement the writer will not fail to do his part of friendship to the person he recommends to succeed him.

1817. [p. 331.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Moore*, master attendant, Portsmouth.—Thanks for his advices.

1818. [p. 331.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Wylde,*[2] Centurion, at Portsmouth.—His Royal Highness being out of town with his Majesty at Newmarket, there is no order from him touching the draughts, though the writer presumes, were he here, he would respite his sending them up till they are finished; but the lords desire his journal at his first conveniency [1839]. The Cleveland yacht is on her way towards him to bring about the things he has to send for his Majesty, she being only to touch at Rye in her way [1839].

1819. [p. 331.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Wright,*[3] Nonsuch, at Portsmouth.—Congratulates him on his return. Desires him to prepare his books for paying off, and to send up a copy of his journal for the information of the lords.

1820. [p. 332.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Tiddeman*, at

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[1] See note to No. 758.

[2] See note to No. 1758.

[3] See note to No. 896.

Dover.—Has made his humble request to his Royal Highness in favour of what he desires [1814]. Acknowledges the kind respect shown him at Dover [1728].

1821. [p. 332.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1] —Hopes this will find him at Portsmouth, and all things ready for refitting and victualling him for his voyage to Argeir. Doubts not that he will hear from the officers of the navy of the addition of men to be allowed him. Desires him to repair hither, whence the writer is to accompany him to Newmarket to attend his Majesty there for his fuller instructions.

1822. [p. 333.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, Yarmouth.—Wonders at the slackness of the town in supplying him with pilots. The king approves Sir John Narbrough's removing his lieutenant [1766], he finding cause enough for it, though there is no time for a court-martial, which cannot yet be denied the lieutenant in case he shall demand it on his coming in [1862].

1823. [p. 334.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to the Mayor and Jurats of Dover.*—Has by the hands of Mr. Dethick received theirs of 28 Sept., whereto, by his Majesty's absence, the writer can give no other answer than that he will endeavour to promote what they desire towards putting their harbour into a state of repair and security. Cannot undertake the settling of it in the particular method they propound of the composition trade, as being a matter wherein too many public considerations are concerned [1824].

1824. [p. 334.] 3 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Stockdale,*[2] at Dover.—Has received his of the 28th, with the enclosed state of the harbour of Dover. Thinks it of great moment to the king if that place could be made capable of receiving the king's ships in time of war, as it might be with no great charge; but does not know what to expect from the method propounded by the mayor and jurats [1823]—namely, that of the composition trade; it being a point much controverted of late, and such as the king and council have hitherto thought fit to respite the giving any determination in. But the mayor refers the writer to Mr. Dethick, with whom he will at his first leisure confer thoroughly concerning the whole matter.

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[1] See note to No. 1794.

[2] See note to No. 802.

1825. [p. 335.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Thomas Chicheley.*[1] —The Roebuck now refitting at Sheerness is near ready for sea. Cannot timely enough procure a warrant, the king being at Newmarket, but prays him to furnish her immediately with gunner's stores.

1826. [p. 336.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Wylde,*[2] Centurion, Portsmouth.—Will lay his of the 4th before his Majesty, whom he expects every day to attend at Newmarket.

1827. [p. 336.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Dickenson,*[3] Hunter, Long Reach.[4]—To continue his care for getting down into the Hope, where he will be followed by orders for his going to sea.

1828. [p. 336.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain London,* Norwich, Downs.—To repair to Portsmouth.

1829. [p. 337.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Clements,* Greyhound, at Portsmouth.—To return to the Downs and follow Sir Richard Munden's[5] orders.

1830. [p. 337.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[6] Pearl, Downs.—Sir Richard Munden[5] is solely entrusted with the employing of the ships under his command, who does not approve his going to St. Malo with one single galliot [1833].

1831. [p. 338.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Neale,* postmaster at Deal.—There hath happened a delay of much consequence to the king in an express sent on 27 Sept., at 10 at night, to Captain Carter [1786, 1799]. Desires to know how it came about that that express, which appears by the postmaster of Canterbury's hand to have passed him about 11 the next morning, 'has no signification on it under your hand when it came to you, but 'tis subscribed by Captain Carter that he received it at Deal Castle about 10 at night, and not sooner.' Desires to know also why Captain Carter's answer despatched between 10 and 11 the next morning (being the 29th) is not by his label thereto owned to come to his hand at Deal till past 4 in the afternoon [1845].

1832. [p. 338.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Carter,*[7] Downs.—Desires his reply to the same questions [1831].

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[1] Master-general of the ordnance. *D. N. B.* x. 231.

[2] See note to No. 1758.

[3] See note to No. 1805.

[4] See note to No. 1805.

[5] See note to No. 1800.

[6] See note to No. 1077.

[7] Commander of the Crown [1786].

1833. [p. 339.] 6 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden,*[1] Downs.—He will be supplied with 2 months' victuals from Dover. Thinks his answer to Mr. Stock well-advised, it seeming much too far for one of the few ships he has to be spared to a single galliot [1830]. She can take the benefit of the convoy of the next of the king's ships bound for Portsmouth, and obtain convoy thence to her port [1854]. He is to inform the writer why the Crown is not gone to Portsmouth to be paid off, the Henrietta and Norwich having, though without full success, done their parts towards getting thither.

1834. [p. 340.] 8 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The king purposes to send some person with Sir John Narbrough[2] to join with him and the consul at Argeir in adjusting the payments for the redemption of the slaves [1766], and the person designed by the lord treasurer is Sir Thomas Clutterbuck,[3] whom they are to put in a condition of departure as soon as the Henrietta (which the writer hopes is arrived at Portsmouth) shall be in readiness for the voyage.

1835. [p. 340.] 8 *Oct.*[4] *The same to the same.*—The king having bestowed upon the bearer the 'boatswainship' of the Princess, the lords on his request allow him a month's time to settle his concernments at Portsmouth and fetch his clothes thence, provided that in the meantime he provides some other person to the satisfaction of the board to perform his duty.

1836. [p. 340.] 8 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Gallop,* Thomas and Francis, Downs.—Has received his of the 6th, and is glad of his safe arrival. He is to bring his ship as high as Blackwall, and make up his books for paying off.

1837. [p. 341.] 8 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden,*[1] Downs.—To see that Captain Gallop loses no time [1836].

1838. [p. 341.] 8 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Binning,* Swan, at Yarmouth.—Hopes he takes care that 'while the Dutch do their parts of civility towards his Majesty's flag,' he does not 'impose upon them anything by way of innovation.' 'My meaning is in reference to that of the 12 barrels of herrings apiece which you have threatened them with the taking, and some of them offered the giving you by way of composition for their not being carried into Yarmouth; in which I doubt not but your discretion will direct you to the guiding yourself by the practice of the sea in that case.'

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[1] See note to No. 1800.

[2] See note to No. 1794.

[3] See note to No. 1166.

[4] MS. '7ber.'

1839. [p. 342.] 8 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Wylde,*[1] Centurion, Portsmouth.—Has received his of the 6th, with his journal [1818]. The Cleveland is on her way to him, being to stop at Rye to deliver some things of Lady Shrewsbury's, who is going over thence in the Portsmouth for France [1818].

1840. [p. 342.] 8 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Baker,*[2] Merlin, Yarmouth.—Hopes he will take the best care he can for having the upper works of his yacht caulked, for the good of his company as well as for preventing the injury she may receive by want of it during the present service, which being over, it can be better done in one of the king's yards.

1841. [p. 343.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The king's warrant hath some days since been sent to the master of the ordnance [1815] for the speedy putting on board the ship they have hired to that purpose the guns and shot which are with other stores and ammunition to be sent to Jamaica with Lord Vaughan,[3] who now waits only the readiness of his Majesty's ship to carry him. Has by Sir John Werden[4] obtained the king's directions concerning the number of men allowed Lord Vaughan for his retinue and to be transported at the king's charge, which his Majesty limits to 100 [1815]. Will inform himself whether the king designs any stops for the Foresight on her way to Jamaica. Has heard from Captain Wetwang[5] of his arrival with the Newcastle and Success in the Bay of Bulls in Newfoundland, on 22 Aug. He greatly complains of 'the badness of his sails and ropes, the first being all mildewed, one of his main topsails splitting five times, and a new one twice.' The latter also 'are rotten stuff, not worth above 18*s.* a cwt.' They are to satisfy themselves where the blame is to be laid for the badness of these stores. The Success he also says is very leaky.

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[1] See note to No. 1758.

[2] See note to No. 1454.

[3] See note to No. 1657.

[4] See note to No. 1654.

[5] See note to No. 1050.

1842. [p. 344.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Wivell*, at Dover.—Will make what use he can of his advice touching the Port of Dover [1824].

1843. [p. 344.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Stockdale*,[1] at Dover.—Will use his advice about Dover [1824].

1844. [p. 344.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Tiddeman*, Dover.—Having not yet received any answer from court about his business, can do nothing more till the place is actually void [1814, 1820].

1845. [p. 345.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Neale*, postmaster, Deal.—Is sorry that what he calls his first and only failure should be in a matter of such importance [1831]. Will lay the matter 'nakedly' before the king and lords [1978]. As to what he writes of being overpressed with despatches of this kind, saying he has had three since Sunday last, there hath not been so many in so little time this 3 years, the writer taking particular care never to make use of an express on business that can bear the staying for an ordinary post [1875].

1846. [p. 345.] 9 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Tyte.*[2]—To carry Sir Edward Brett's servant to Holland with Lady Temple.

The bottom of the leaf is torn across here, and has been at one time mended with red sealing-wax.

1847. [p. 346.] 12 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Sanderson*,[3] Portsmouth yacht.—To transport the Earl of Plymouth[4] to Calais, and this done to return to Greenwich.

1848. [p. 346.] 12 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Gunman*, Anne yacht, at Calais.—To stay till the Marquis de Vitry arrive at Calais, and then to transport him as his orders direct [1801].

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[1] See note to No. 802.

[2] Captain George Tyte was commander of the Richmond yacht (*supra*, vol. i. p. 417). Charnock gives the date of his appointment to this command as 18 Jan., 1675 (*Biog. Nav.* i. 300), but this is apparently by confusion with a later commission to the Deptford ketch (*supra*, vol. i. p. 417). Both Charnock and Pepys's *Register* spell the name 'Tyete'; Pepys's index to vol. iii. of the *Admiralty Letters* spells it 'Tite.'

[3] See note to No. 1742.

[4] But the *D. N. B.*, quoting Dugdale, gives the date of this creation as 28 July, 1675 (xix. 106).

1849. [p. 346.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to Captain London,* Norwich, at Portsmouth.—Hopes he is near despatched in his cleaning and revictualling, so as to be ready to execute the enclosed orders for sailing to the coast of Ireland.

1850. [p. 346.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Dickenson,*[1] Hunter.—Encloses orders for his sailing to the Downs.

1851. [p. 347.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to Colonel Piper.*[2]—Thanks for his advices.

1852. [p. 347.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Country,*[3] Roebuck, Sheerness.—Encloses orders for his further proceedings. Hopes he will improve for the service the kindness of the king and lords in keeping him still in employment.

1853. [p. 347.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden,*[4] Downs.—Will take notice to Captain Carter[5] of his failure to attend his commander-in-chief all the time he was in the Downs. 'His ship is now paid off, and Sir John Narbrough[6] come up hither.'

1854. [p. 347.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Stock,* at Dover.—The Greyhound being already come into the Downs from Portsmouth, she cannot be appointed to convoy his galliot to St. Malo [1833]. If she can wait at Portsmouth till the Norwich is ready to sail [1849] she can see her safe to her port.

1855. [p. 348.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Robert Robinson,*[7] Chatham.—Thanks for his advice of the 8th of his arrival with the Royal Oak at Chatham; is sorry the voyage is so chargeable. As it is known she is brought thither to be laid up and brought into ordinary, no further orders are needed. His taking away the king's colours worn by the merchantman is approved; the lords will speedily summon her master to give an account of his presumption.

1856. [p. 348.] 13 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Dawson,*[8] Advice, at Portsmouth.—Has received his of the 9th, and congratulates him on his safe return. To make ready his books for paying off, and to send up his journal.

1857. [p. 349.] 14 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—

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[1] See note to No. 1805.

[2] Governor of Plymouth.

[3] See note to No. 1273.

[4] See note to No. 1800.

[5] Commander of the Crown [1786].

[6] See note to No. 1794.

[7] See note to No. 1367.

[8] See note to No. 1024

To fit one of his Majesty's sloops for a voyage to Jamaica with the Foresight, upon the terms of good husbandry mentioned in their letter, 'and what Sir John Ernle,[1] commander of the Foresight, declares himself willing to entertain her upon, namely, manning her entirely in her outward-bound passage out of his own ship's company and the passengers he is to carry with him, and in such a degree also out of his own company in her return as that his Majesty shall thereby save the greatest part of her victuals and wages during her abode there and coming back, in case she shall be at all designed to be brought home again.' They are to depend upon a warrant for it as soon as the king comes to town and the lords meet, the consequence thereof being such as can be of no inconveniency to his Majesty in case they should not approve of it.

1858. [p. 349.] 14 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Gallop*, Thomas and Francis, at Blackwall.—On his arrival at Blackwall, he is to attend the navy board to receive their directions about putting his ship out of further charge to his Majesty.

1859. [p. 350.] 14 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Sanderson*,[2] Portsmouth yacht.—Does not find that the commanders of yachts transporting the Duke of Monmouth have ever had any directions for wearing the flag, so if it has been worn, it has either been without order, or by some verbal order from the king, signified either by himself or by his Royal Highness, then lord high admiral. The Earl of Plymouth[3] cannot therefore expect it upon any other terms [1847].

1860. [p. 350.] 14 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Neale*, Postmaster at Deal.—Will give him timely notice if the king or lords think fit to summon him up hither to answer for the miscarriage of the express [1845]. Desires to know some further particulars of where Captain Carter was when the express came, how long he had been on shore, and when he went on board again [1831].

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[1] Sir John Ernle was comptroller of the stores from 1671 to 1676 (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 17, 41). Nevertheless he had been appointed commander of the Foresight 21 July, 1674 (*ib.* p. 348). This was no novelty, as he had commanded the Dover and Revenge in 1672, and the Henry in 1673 (*ib.*).

[2] See note to No. 1751.

[3] See note to 1847. The Earl of Plymouth, ike the Duke of Monmouth, was a natural son of Charles II.

1861. [p. 351.] 15 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Believing that the king may at his return order the Roebuck upon some service abroad, the writer desires them to give order for her despatch.

1862. [p. 351.] 15 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Binning*, Swan, at Yarmouth.—Doubts not by what he understands from Sir John Narbrough[1] but he will be well prepared to justify himself in his proceedings towards his lieutenant, in case he shall desire its being brought to a court-martial [1822]. At the king's coming to town at the end of this week, the writer will give his messenger an opportunity of delivering his present of the eagle. Is glad the season proves so well for our fishermen. Captain Rooke[2] has written about his ship's leakiness, but with hopes that he may be able to keep at sea. If not, the writer supposes the lords will order him into the River, his Majesty having no action at this time at Harwich.

1863. [p. 352.] 15 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Rooke*,[2] at Yarmouth.—To give timely notice in case the leakiness of his ship shall grow upon him.

1864. [p. 352.] 16 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will get their estimate signed of the charge of transporting the stores and passengers going with Lord Vaughan to Jamaica [1841], and then transmit it to the treasurer of the navy in order to his laying it before the lord treasurer for money. To inquire into the defects of Captain Wetwang's sails at his return; as also to take some notice concerning the leakiness of the Success [1841], it seeming to be 'much the same case with that of the Gloucester, saving that here the carpenter of the ship is in being, who should be best able to inform the master shipwright in all the complaints of his ship, whereas the miscarriage in the other was excused by the death of the old carpenter.' Will this day represent Sir Thomas Clutterbuck's[3] case to the lord treasurer, and when the board shall transmit particulars of the extraordinary payments they are obliged to make out of their weekly allowance upon the 200,000*l.*

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[1] See note to No. 1794.

[2] Commander of the Holmes. See note to No. 1405.

[3] See note to No. 1166.

per annum (which should by the rules of the navy be done by putting the same into special estimates, as often as any extraordinary works are required of them) the writer will obtain his directions therein.

1865. [p. 353.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[1] —To sail to Long Reach,[2] and having taken in stores and provisions to go to the Hope and wait for further orders.

1866. [p. 353.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[3] —Will do Captain Waltham all fitting offices he can;[4] he is reported 'a very worthy man and a good seaman.'

1867. [p. 353.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Roome Coyle,*[5] French Ruby, Sheerness.—In answer to his late desires and 'for the satisfaction of the seamen, who neglect their duty on board . . . under pretence of going to divine service ashore for the want of a chaplain on board,' the king approves Mr. Craddock as chaplain of the French Ruby, and the clerk of the check is to enter him accordingly.

1868. [p. 354.] 16 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. John Shish,*[6] Deptford.—To cause the Kitchen yacht to be cleaned and refitted with all possible despatch.

1869. [p. 354.] 17 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Country,*[7] Roebuck, Sheerness.—The king is under some thoughts of sending him to the southward with Sir John Narbrough.[8] Desires an account when he can be ready. To lose no time in getting into the Downs, where further orders will meet him.

1870. [p. 355.] 19 *Oct.* *S. P. to Captain Anguish,* Deptford ketch, at Leghorn.—Encloses a copy of his of 1 Oct. directed both to Marseilles and Leghorn [1802, 1803]. He will not escape a great deal of blame for adventuring to go away without orders. Encloses orders for his meeting Sir John Narbrough at Argeir, who within very few days will depart hence with moneys for the redemption of the slaves there [1766]. To deliver the enclosed [1871, 1872].

Underwritten: 'A copy of this sent to Marseilles.'

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[1] Commander of the Dragon [1886]. *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

[2] See note to No. 1805.

[3] See note to No. 80.

[4] See No. 1916.

[5] See note to No. 579.

[6] See note to No. 1683.

[7] See note to No. 1273.

[8] See note to No. 1794.

1871. [p. 355.] 19 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Martin*, consul at Argeir.—Encloses a copy of his of 1 Oct. Sir John Narbrough is just upon his departure in the Henrietta,[1] with orders to take in moneys at Cadiz [1874], and from thence to proceed towards Argeir. Slaves that have been taken in strangers' ships are not to be redeemed, as not required by treaty and but an encouragement to the king's subjects to enter themselves into the service of strangers to be redeemed at his cost. The king and lords depend much upon his discretion and good husbandry, so as that the peace may be preserved with that people, and his Majesty not imposed upon in the rates of the slaves.

1872. [p. 356.] 19 *Oct.* 'Sent to Captain Anguish at Marseilles for conveyance.' *The same to the same.*—Since writing the above [1871], has received his of 12 Aug. No ships have been sent into the Straits since the writer's time of serving the king in this station (nor shall for the time to come) without instructions to appear before Argeir as often as with any conveniency they may.

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Martin, sent to Livorne to Captain Anguish for conveyance.'

1873. [p. 356.] 19 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Duteil.*[2]—Hopes by his of 16 Oct. from Marseilles this will find him safely arrived at Tangier. Is glad to receive so good an account of the condition of the galleys. The king and lords will be glad to hear of his being arrived, the time he has spent on the occasion of the Duke of Osuna giving them grounds of fearing that he might be prevented getting there while the season of the year might befriend him. Condoles him the loss of his lady.

1874. [p. 357.] 19 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Philip Lloyd.*[3]—The lord treasurer directs that second bills of exchange are to be provided and sent to Portsmouth by to-morrow night's post to Sir John Narbrough,[1] to be by him made use of at Cadiz [1871] in case the first should not be come to hand at his arrival there, a letter being also added from the merchants here to their correspondents at Cadiz that in that case the second bills may be paid sooner than at the days of sight given in the bills, to prevent the inconvenience of Sir John Narbrough's having to stay out the whole time. Presents are also to be provided to the governments of Tunis and Tripoli to the value of 200*l.* each, to be sent by waggon to Portsmouth on Thursday next. Which presents not being to be provided by the navy, the writer cannot inform him by what hand the same is usually done, but supposes he will understand it from one of the secretaries' offices.[2]

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[1] Narbrough's commission as commander-in-chief of the squadron to the Straits is dated 18 Oct. He was authorised to wear the union flag at the main-top while out of the Channel (*supra*, vol. i. p. 314).

[2] See note to No. 1023.

[3] Written 'Floyd,' and indexed under F, but there written 'Lloyd.' The names appear to have been often interchanged (see *Dictionary of National Biography*), and in the *Letters to Sir Joseph Williamson* (Camden Society, new series, vols. viii. and ix.), the Philip Lloyd of the text appears frequently as Floyd, though the editor of the *Letters* has indexed them as separate persons. The 'Mr. Philip Lloyd' of No. 1681, *supra*, is separately indexed by Pepys under 'L.'

1875. [p. 357.] 19 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden.*[3]—Where the business he writes on is not so pressing but that it may stay for the ordinary post (which comes every night), it will be but a reasonable consideration on behalf of the postmasters to signify upon his letters whether he intends them to come by express or no [1845].

1876. [p. 358.] 19 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Clements*, Greyhound, Downs.—Has received his of the 15th, signifying his arrival in the Downs and his desires for an increase to his number of men, in which he is not to expect any answer hence without the opinion first had of the officers of the navy, to whom he is referred, and this the rather because at this very time the navy board hath before it the general consideration of the manning of the whole fleet.[4]

1877. [p. 358.] 19 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[5] master shipwright, Woolwich.—Has received his of the 16th concerning the business of square glass, with copies of the board's to him and his reply to them, which will doubtless be considered satisfactory.

Marginal reference: 'About square glass put into several of the king's ships.'

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[1] See notes to Nos. 1794, 1871.

[2] There were two secretaries of state, Coventry and Williamson.

[3] See note to No. 1800.

[4] See vol. i. p. 233 *supra.*

[5] This is probably the Phineas Pett of Woolwich who is described in the State Papers for 1673 as 'shipwright's assistant.' See note to No. 504.

1878. [p. 358.] 19 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Jenifer*, Saudados,[1] Downs.—Will advertise him when the king and lords shall come to any settlement touching the business of denying or granting convoy to strangers, whether Dutch or French.

1879. [p. 359.] 20 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*,[2] Portsmouth.—Encloses the king's instructions about redeeming the captives [1766], just now put into his hands by Mr. Secretary Williamson.[3] Fears the Roebuck will not see him till she overtakes him at Cadiz, though she will call in her way at Portsmouth and Plymouth. Cannot tell him till to-morrow of the advance made in the despatch either of Mr. Brisbane[4] or the presents [1874]. Recommends to his special kindness the captives mentioned in the enclosed letter from Sir Nathaniel Herne.[5] The list also of ships enclosed from Sir John Frederick[6] is recommended to him for his care in reference to their particular safety, as any of them shall happen to fall in his way and stand in need of it.

1880. [p. 360.] 21 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—'Upon application made to his Majesty by one Margaret London, daughter of Captain London (who had been eminently serviceable to the king in the fleet's revolt to his Majesty during the late troubles), which Margaret pretends his Majesty's promise of giving her the furniture of the Royal Escape mentioned in the enclosed,' they are desired to report to the lords the true value of the said furniture, and whether it may not be longer useful in the vessel.

1881. [p. 360.] 21 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Nathaniel Herne.*[6]—Has recommended to Sir John Narbrough[2] both the persons and ships mentioned by him [1879]. Acknowledges his of the 5th, with the enclosed from Consul Legatt,[7] 'in which

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[1] See note to No. 55.

[2] See notes to Nos. 1794 and 1871.

[3] See note to 1803.

[4] Judge-advocate [1757].

[5] See note to No. 1698.

[6] Alderman Sir John Frederick and Co. appear to have been merchants trading to Spain and the Mediterranean (*Cal. S. P. Dom.*, 1672, pp. 242, 629; 1672–3, p. 609). References in the State Papers suggest that Sir Nathaniel Herne was connected with the same firm (*ib.* 1672, pp. 242, 629).

[7] Consul at Genoa [1699].

I am very glad to find you beforehand with me in your observation of the coldness of his reply to what I had on his Majesty's behalf wrote to him [1699] with no little earnestness on a subject that administers so much matter of complaint against the king's commanders, and justly too, as that of taking in merchants' goods[1]—an evil never likely to be throughly rectified while those who concern themselves most in complaining shall decline the giving his Majesty their necessary assistance in convicting; but instead thereof do make it their endeavours to tempt the king's commanders with pretence of want of shipping and perishableness of their commodities to take in their goods at under freights, and then complain of them for it. Witness not only Haddock's case[2] at Malaga,[3] who could produce the consul's letter there pressing him to what he did, but even the commander of the Swallow itself (that has occasioned so much clamour all this summer) produces (as they tell me) a very large and earnest declaration from divers merchants at Livorne of the necessities urging them to desire his favour and aid in the bringing home what is come by him. And which is yet more unsatisfactory to me in reference to Mr. Legatt, he takes no notice in this his answer to what I had so particularly desired of him of that great miscarriage of our commanders in giving convoy to strangers, and permitting them to wear the king our master's colours, which he himself in a former letter of the 15th August last (before I had asked it) had expressly charged our commanders with, which seems a dealing very unlikely ever to help us out of the inconveniency we are discoursing of, and I doubt not but Mr. Legatt will be told it in such a manner as will not be very easy to him [1936]. Nor do I doubt (even without his help) to bring it about that the merchants abroad may find as little satisfaction in tempting as our commanders in being tempted to the breaking of their instructions in a matter so injurious to the honour of his Majesty's service and destructive to the discipline of it' [1995].

Postscript.—Has advice of a letter from Mr. Ball of Livorne, which he wrote to the consul there on this business.

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[1] Vol. i. pp. 192–5 *supra*.

[2] See Nos. 1698, 1756, 1759.

[3] MS. 'Malago.'

Hopes it was about this that 'our worthy friend Mr. Skinner' called yesterday.

1882. [p. 362.] 22 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Binning.*[1]—Encloses orders for his coming up to Deptford, and also for himself and the Holmes to furnish 10 men apiece to assist in bringing about the Rose to Sheerness.[2]

1883. [p. 362.] 22 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Royden.*[3]—To acknowledge his of the 21st giving notice of his arrival in the Downs, whence Sir Richard Munden[4] will order him out to sea as the service shall require.

1884. [p. 362.] 23 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Country,*[5] Downs.—Encloses a copy of the orders lately sent him at Sheerness. To use all imaginable diligence in compliance therewith, Sir John Narbrough[6] having been now at Portsmouth 3 days (where he expects him), ready to proceed to the Straits [1766]. As to his want of men (by reason of sickness), the king 'has not in any one case thought fit to issue any press-warrants since the close of the war, nor would it be a laudable thing in you in time of peace to be found to need it; therefore pray make the best shift you can with your present number until you come to Sir John Narbrough, by whose means I doubt not but you will be supplied out of some of his Majesty's ships you may meet with at sea.'

1885. [p. 363.] 24 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, Kinsale.—The officers of the navy will supply him with sails.

1886. [p. 363.] 24 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland,*[7] Dragon.—His desire for an increase to his complement is referred to the officers of the navy.

1887. [p. 363.] 24 *Oct. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—The two ships designed for the convoy of the ships bound with herrings to the Straits being now near ready, the writer desires to know when the fish ships that go from their town will be ready to depart for the Downs, where the convoy is to take them up.

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[1] Commander of the Swan [1862].

[2] Probably from Yarmouth, where she had been built by Mr. Edgar (Pepys's *Register of Ships*, vol. i. p. 276 *supra*).

[3] See note to No. 1784.

[4] See note to No. 1800.

[5] See note to No. 1273.

[6] See notes to Nos. 1794, 1871.

[7] *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

1888. [p. 364.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Fleetwood.*[1]—To hasten the presents [1874].

1889. [p. 364.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Pett*,[2] Woolwich.—According to his desires, will move the king that the Portsmouth yacht may be sent down to Woolwich to be graved. It is above 10 days since the Norwich arrived at Portsmouth to be refitted; supposes she is ready by this time to go to sea.

1890. [p. 365.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*,[3] at Portsmouth.—The king and lords are extremely well satisfied with the readiness of his ship to take the benefit of the first wind. Is sorry for the grounds he seems to have for fearing that his provisions may not prove good; will speak with the officers of the navy, though too late to give any present relief [1903]. The Roebuck has been in the Downs since Thursday, waiting only a wind to bring her after him. Has this evening heard from the lord treasurer that Sir Philip Lloyd,[4] on whom his lordship rested for the despatch of the bills of exchange and the presents [1874], hath happened to let it be undone, even to this time; the consequence whereof may prove so inconvenient, and the writer has so expressed to the lord treasurer the moment of it, that the bills are just now come and are enclosed [1903], with an assurance from Mr. Fleetwood, one of my lord's secretaries, that the presents are already bought and shall be sent away towards Portsmouth on Monday, if not to-morrow. To deliver the enclosed to Mr. Brisbane.[5] Sends orders to the Quaker ketch for her coming home to England, unless if he finds her at Cadiz he thinks fit to take her with him to Argeir. He is to help the Roebuck to some men [1884]. At the desire of Sir John Frederick and Sir Nathaniel Herne,[6] adds Richard Dyer, a master's mate, taken in the ship Concord, to those captives specially recommended to his kindness [1879].

1891. [p. 366.] 24 *Oct.* *S. P. to Mr. Steventon.*[7]—To deliver the enclosed packets to Sir John Narbrough[3] [1890], or, if he be gone, to the captain of the Roebuck, who will suddenly be at Portsmouth and is to follow him to Cadiz.

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[1] One of the secretaries to the lord treasurer [1890].

[2] See note to No. 1877.

[3] See notes to Nos. 1794 and 1871.

[4] See note to No. 1874.

[5] Judge-advocate [1757].

[6] See note to No. 1879.

[7] Clerk of the check at Portsmouth [910].

Underwritten: 'Pray also let the captain of the Roebuck have the enclosed' [? a duplicate of No. 1884].

1892. [p. 367.] 26 *Oct. S. P. to Sir Robert Southwell.*[1]—Colonel Kennedy's complaint against Mr. Hare is to be heard at the council board on Friday. Encloses his petition, that the witnesses may be summoned.

1893. [p. 367.] 26 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Skinner.*[2]—Has received his of 22 Sept. from Leghorn, which gives 'a very large confirmation' of what he before had ground to believe 'touching the extravagant liberties taken by the king's captains in that business of carrying of merchants' goods[3] [1699], a fault which I hope we are in a very fair way of thoroughly rectifying for the time to come by the notice his Majesty is taking of what he can find [of] any particular instances relating to the time past.' Is sorry the merchants encourage them to it by making written applications to them for taking in of merchandise; desires he will, as far as he can, put a stop to these temptations.

1894. [p. 368.] 26 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Ball.*—Desires that he and his friends will cease soliciting the captains to carry their goods [1893]. Thanks for his advices of the present state of affairs at Messina.

1895. [p. 369.[4]] 26 *Oct. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[5]—Leave to come to town.

1896. [p. 368.] 27 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The Norwich is to be supplied at Portsmouth but with 2 months' victuals, with orders to take in as much more as they think fit of those remaining at Kinsale [1795, 1807]. The king and lords will doubtless concur in their advice about leaving the provisions that remain there unlikely to be timely disposed of to the victuallers upon the terms of their contract, and that Captain Pinn[6] make satisfaction to the king for such loss thereon as has been occasioned by his not obtaining orders in the taking in of the said provisions [1902].

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[1] See note to No. 345.

[2] Consul at Leghorn [1699].

[3] Vol. i. pp. 192–5, *supra.*

[4] Out of order in the MS.

[5] See note to No. 80.

[6] Commander of the Dartmouth [1902].

1897. [p. 369.] 27 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Lock.*[1]—The French Ruby, on which the soldiers are quartered at Sheerness for the supply of the garrison, is ordered to be paid off and laid up. Advises him, that he may obtain the king's orders for the disposal of the soldiers.

1898. [p. 369.] 27 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2] —Encloses orders about the number of ships of war he is to carry with him to Argeir [1903]. The presents went away from the lord treasurer yesterday towards him [1890]. His service to Mr. Brisbane.[3]

1899. [p. 370.] 28 *Oct. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—The king orders, as they propose, that the complement of the Norwich be increased to 95 (the number appointed her on foreign service in time of peace) during the time she shall be employed this winter on the coast of Ireland.

Postscript.—To remind them that a letter of credit is to be provided for Sir John Narbrough's[2] 200*l.* contingent money at Cadiz, and sent down to him to Portsmouth by express, his stay at Cadiz being so short that it will not reach him there in time if sent overland.

1900. [p. 370.] 28 *Oct. S. P. to Mr. Stock*, Dover.—On the coming in of Sir Richard Munden,[4] Captain Dickenson[5] is to command in the Downs, from whom the king and lords expect no less care in that business on behalf of trade.

1901. [p. 371.] 28 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[6] Pearl —Encloses orders for his coming to Sheerness.

1902. [p. 371.] 28 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, at Kinsale.—The king and lords condemn him for allowing (if not encouraging) his men in their 'little less than mutinous deportment' towards Mr. Southwell,[7] 'upon pretence of such exceptions to the quality of his victuals as have since upon strict survey been found unreasonable' [1750, 1795]; and they have directed the officers of the navy to secure to the king out of his pay the loss upon the said provisions for want of his taking in and expending so much of them as the occasions of his ship called for, according to his orders [1896].

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[1] Secretary at war [1392].

[2] See notes to Nos. 1794 and 1871.

[3] Judge-advocate [1757].

[4] See note to No. 1800.

[5] See note to No. 1805.

[6] See note to No. 1077.

[7] *D. N. B.* liii. 300.

1903. [p. 372.] 28 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[1] —Is glad he has received the bills of exchange [1890]; the presents were sent away on Monday. Is troubled about the badness of his flesh [1890]. His contingent money is taken care of [1899]. Orders were sent him last night touching the number of his ships [1898], namely, 3 besides his own and the 2 ketches. The weather keeps the Roebuck still in the Downs, but she is ready to take the first turn of it to come to him to Portsmouth, or follow him to Cadiz.

1904. [p. 372.] 30 *Oct. S. P. to Cousin Creed.*[2]—Will bespeak of the surveyor of the navy a particular of the naval stores sent in the Europa hulk, and transmit it to him. The Bristol and Drake are at this time employed against Sallee, but for Tetuan none, nor any yet demanded.

1905. [p. 373.] 31 *Oct. S. P. to Captain Dickenson.*[3]—To take no notice of foreign ships wearing pennants in the Downs till further order [1925].

1906. [p. 373.] 31 *Oct. S. P. to Captain London,*[4] Portsmouth.—Doubts not but he has heard from the officers of the navy concerning the quantity of victuals he is to take in at Kinsale [1896], and the increase of his complement [1899].

1907. [p. 373.] 31 *Oct. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—The lords consent to their desire that one of the convoys may go with their first fleet of fish ships in the middle of November, and the other with the latter fleet the beginning of December; and the convoys will be in the Downs 'at the times prefixed.'

1908. [p. 374.] 31 *Oct. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[1] Portsmouth.—Thanks him for his of the 29th.

1909. [p. 374.] 2 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Richard Munden.*[5] —Being now arrived at Half-way Tree,[6] he is to bring the Assistance up to Deptford to be laid up.

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[1] See notes to Nos. 1794 and 1871.

[2] *D. N. B.* xiii. 68. John Creed's wife, Elizabeth Pickering, was Pepys's cousin on her mother's side.

[3] Captain Richard Dickenson, commander of the Hunter [1805], had just been appointed commander-in-chief in the Downs in succession to Sir Richard Munden [1900].

[4] Commander of the Norwich [1849].

[5] *D. N. B.* xxxix. 301.

[6] *Diary* (Wheatley's edition), ii. 247, vi. 292.

1910. [p. 374.] 3 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Colt[1] desires an order from the lords for making some alteration in the cabin of his sloop. Foreseeing that they will not issue any orders till they have the opinion of the board, and considering the readiness wherein all matters will very soon be for Lord Vaughan's departure,[2] the writer thought it would conduce to the saving time to desire a word from them on the matter. Reminds them of John Leake, 'he seeming a very able and bred seaman,' who lost his leg last year in the Resolution, and was upon his petition referred to them for a berth to be found him in one of the ships going out, so soon as room could be found for him by the late establishment in that case.[3] His Majesty, 'designing to send a message forthwith to Surinam to advise his subjects there what is in doing here, and of which they may shortly expect the fruits by their having ships sent to transport them and their effects from thence, according to the late treaty with the United Provinces in that particular,' they are to consider 'the most speedy and husbandly way' of conveying letters thither [1923, 2031].

1911. [p. 375.] 3 *Nov. S. P. to Sir L[eoline] Jenkins.*[4]—Encloses a copy of the prince's commission, and to offer him the names of 3 or 4 of the officers of the navy, 'who by the length of their experience in sea affairs and the particular methods of his Majesty's navy (both at sea and on shore)' may be thought of best assistance in the intended commission of oyer and terminer [1748], namely: Sir Thomas Allin[5] (comptroller); Sir Jeremy Smyth[6] and Richard Haddock, Esq.[7] (commissioners); Thomas Hayter,[8] Esq. (one of the clerks of the acts); Sir John Kempthorne[9] (present master of the Trinity House); 'and (if you please) your most obedient servant, S. P.'

1912. [p. 376.] 3 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Tippetts.*[10]—Is desired by Sir Gabriel Silvius (who hath the care of the matter for the king) to inform him how much wine the Deptford ketch is capable of bringing from Marseilles [1803] above her own provisions and stores; which to enable him to answer, the writer desires his advice.

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[1] Captain George Colt had been transferred from the Hunter [1475] to the Vulture sloop (*supra*, vol. i. p. 337).

[2] See note to No. 1657.

[3] See note to No. 1367.

[4] See note to No. 1695.

[5] *D. N. B.* i. 332.

[6] *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

[7] *D. N. B.* xxiii. 427.

[8] See note to No. 418.

[9] *D. N. B.* xxx. 397. The *D. N. B.* does not mention that Kempthorne was ever master of the Trinity House.

[10] Surveyor of the navy.

1913. [p. 376.] 3 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Thomas Allin.*[1]—Tidings were brought to court last night from Leghorn, not only of Captain Anguish's errand from Marseilles—namely, to bring merchants' goods, as appears by the very printed bills of entries in the custom-house there, and that thereby his Majesty's letters sent by express to Marseilles [1788, 1789] have missed of the conveyance depended on from the Deptford ketch—but that since his arrival at Leghorn he had been prevailed with by the merchants there to put out to sea again on an occasion of theirs, in his proceeding whereon he happened to run upon a rock, and but for the assistance of some fishermen which came in to his succour, had there perished; and though escaping, yet the vessel is put out of a condition of giving present conveyance to the duplicate sent to Leghorn [1802, 1803]. 'At which (accompanied with so many aggravations) his Majesty was so moved (and I cannot but say with much reason) as that he immediately commanded that Sir John Narbrough[2] should have power sent him that night upon his meeting with the said ketch to displace her present captain,[3] and appoint another in his room to bring her home, which accordingly was done' [1916, 1919].

1914. [p. 377.] 3 *Nov. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough,*[2] Portsmouth.—Being informed by Sir D. Gauden[4] of a vessel called the Paradise, Mr. Evelyn, master, laden by him with coals and other provisions for the use of the garrison of Tangier, he is desired to convoy her.

1915. [p. 377.] 3 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Brisbane.*—Wishes him a good voyage.[5]

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[1] Comptroller of the navy. *D. N. B.* i. 332.

[2] See notes to Nos. 1794 and 1871.

[3] Captain William Anguish had been reappointed to the Deptford ketch on 25 May. He was not employed again until 9 April, 1677, and then only as lieutenant of the Woolwich (*supra*, vol. i. p. 318).

[4] One of the victualling contractors [738].

[5] Mr. Brisbane, the judge-advocate, was apparently sailing with Sir John Narbrough to the Mediterranean (see notes to Nos. 1794 and 1871).

1916. [p. 378.] 4 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Waltham*,[1] Deal.—The king has conferred on him the command of the Deptford ketch [1913]; his commission is sent enclosed. Encloses a letter to Captain Country [1917], commander of the Roebuck, who will give him passage to Sir John Narbrough, either at Portsmouth or Cadiz. If he accepts the command, he is to pursue the instructions formerly given to Captain Anguish to bring wine from Marseilles for the king [1803], but first to perform what orders he shall receive from Sir John Narbrough.

Postscript.—He is to apply himself to Mr. Hill, merchant, at Marseilles, touching the wines.

1917. [p. 379.] 4 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Country*,[2] Roebuck.—To carry Captain Waltham, his goods and servants, to Sir John Narbrough, and to victual them in their passage [1916].

1918. [p. 379.] 5 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Booth*,[3] Pearl, Sheerness.—According to his desire of the 1st from the Downs, the king gives him leave to come to town for 3 days upon his ship's arrival at Sheerness.

1919. [p. 380.] 5 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[4] —Captain Waltham is appointed commander of the Deptford ketch, 'for whom his Majesty and Royal Highness have a very good esteem as being an able seaman and a very sober, honest man.' But if he come not to him before his meeting the Deptford ketch, he is to follow his former orders in appointing another out of his ship or fleet [1916, 1917, 1927].

1920. [p. 380.] 5 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[5] —Recommends to him the bearer, Mr. Pickering, who brings the king's warrant to be a volunteer on board the Dragon. He has already spent 5 or 6 years at sea, and is the writer's kinsman and Lord Sandwich's nephew.[6] Desires a report of him at the end of the voyage.

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[1] See No. 1866.

[2] See note to No. 1273.

[3] See note to No. 1077.

[4] See notes to Nos. 1794 and 1871.

[5] Commander of the Dragon [1886]. *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

[6] Pepys's great-aunt Paulina was the mother of the first Earl of Sandwich (*D. N. B.* xliv. 360), and Lord Sandwich's sister Elizabeth married Sir Gilbert Pickering (*ib.* xiii. 68). The reference in the text must be to a member of this family, perhaps to the Gilbert Pickering who was appointed first lieutenant of the Cambridge, 16 April, 1678 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 393).

1921. [p. 381.] 6 *Nov.*, 'at 6 of the clock in the morning.' *S. P. to the Victuallers.*—A month's provisions to be immediately put on board the Greyhound, that she may sail this tide.

This and the letter that follows are transposed in the MS.

1922. [p. 381.] 6 *Nov.* 'Sent by express about one in the afternoon.' *S. P. to Captain Clements*, Greyhound, in the Downs.—Fears his orders to come into the River, sent hence on Tuesday night, have miscarried, and encloses a duplicate, Lord Arlington and Lord Ossory,[1] whom he is with two yachts more to attend into Holland, being in absolute readiness to be gone.

1923. [p. 381.] 7 *Nov.* *S. P. to Commissioner Haddock.*[2]—His Majesty intending to send letters to Surinam [1910] to let his subjects there know that they may expect shipping in February next at farthest, being such as with the help of one man-of-war may suffice to remove 1,000 or 1,200 persons, the lords desire a calculation of the difference of loss or profit between hiring a vessel forthwith 'by the great' for despatching his Majesty's letters directly to Surinam, there to be discharged, and the doing of it by one of the flyboats, which, when arrived at Surinam, shall stay there for the other with the man-of-war. In replying, to take the advice of such of the navy board or others as he shall think fit [1977].

1924. [p. 382.] 9 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Hayter.*[3]—Has already said it to his brother[3] that the other day he found Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer[4] 'extremely earnest upon the business of not having the weekly certificates of the navy board sent to him, and spoke of it as a neglect to be imputed to you in particular, which I undeceived him in; and it being a thing which I am confident cannot be reasonably denied him considering his great post in the treasury, I did undertake that for the time to come they should be supplied him.' Desires that they may be sent.

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[1] Arlington and Ossory were about to start on a mission to the Hague to treat with the Prince of Orange for a general peace, and to suggest his marriage to Mary, the daughter of James, Duke of York (*D. N. B.* iv. 232; viii. 84).

[2] See note to No. 209.

[3] John Pepys and Thomas Hayter were joint clerks of the acts. See *D. N. B.* xliv. 363.

[4] Sir John Duncombe [554].

1925. [p. 382.] 9 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Dickenson,*[1] Hunter, Downs.—Desires a particular account of the case he mentions in his of the 6th of a stranger's ship lately commanded to take in his pennant in the Downs [1905]. As to the convoy desired to Calais and Dunkirk, for which his ship and the Guernsey are too big, though they cannot conveniently go into the harbours they are to proceed with the merchantmen so far as that they may be out of danger of the privateers.

1926. [p. 383.] 9 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To remind Sir Jeremy Smyth[2] to send the present state of the remains of this year's declaration for victuals.

1927. [p. 383.] 9 *Nov. S. P. to Commissioner Deane,*[3] Portsmouth.—Wishes that the Roebuck may be so fortunate as to overtake Sir John Narbrough,[4] at least at Cadiz. Desires to know whether his Majesty's express of the 5th arrived in time; if not, hopes it is sent after him by the Roebuck.

1928. [p. 383.] 9 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Rooke,*[5] Holmes, at Deptford.—Has received his of the 7th, and is glad of his safe arrival at Deptford. Supposes he has advised the officers of the navy of it, and is preparing his books to be paid off. The king gives him leave to come to town.

1929. [p. 383.] 9 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Denis Gauden.*[6]—To send an account of the state of the Deptford ketch's victualling at her going out of England.

1930. [p. 384.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Pett,*[7] muster-master, Gravesend.—Has received his of yesterday, and has this morning been visited by Mr. Sawyer, who 'does himself acknowledge that which makes his dealings with you seem very severe in causing you to be arrested and carried to prison without regard to his Majesty's service whereto you relate' without having demanded his debt since the bond became forfeited at Michaelmas. Has made him so sensible of the inconveniences that may arise from his having thus arrested him without the knowledge and leave of the lords, that he has promised to give order for his discharge. 'I do advise you to make good your promise in your letter to me of paying him the money within 3 or 4 days, I having in confidence thereof undertaken for it and will see it made good, it being in no wise fit for you to think that your relation to the king's service should protect you from doing right to private men, especially while you are neglecting that service by lying in town while you should be attending it at Gravesend, the king's service being as well able to bear with your absence in the Poultry Counter as at the Star Tavern on Fish-Street Hill.' Besides, though the bond became forfeited but at Michaelmas, yet it was for a tavern debt contracted several years ago. As to his creditor's contempt of the lord admiral's warrant, the lords will do what is fitting therein.

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[1] See note to No. 1905.

[2] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

[3] See note to No. 34.

[4] See note to No. 1794.

[5] See note to No. 1405.

[6] One of the victualling contractors [738].

[7] See note to No. 504.

1931. [p. 384.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Stock*, Dover.—Thanks him for his late present (which he has not yet tasted, but doubts not its proving good). Has received his of the 1st by Mr. Gibbon, and will give him notice when anything of the matter he mentions shall come before the lords.

1932. [p. 385.] 11 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Captain Colt[1] having earnestly desired to have a carpenter allowed him for the Vulture sloop, and being content to have him without a servant, and to be reckoned as one of the 10 to which the sloop is limited for this voyage with the help of what is to be supplied out of the Foresight, a warrant is issued to a carpenter named by the said captain. He presseth also for a chirurgeon, which being taken in the same manner will occasion very little increase of charge to the king, and may be but necessary for the health of the company on such a voyage; the writer therefore supposes the board will let him be supplied with one in usual course. Has lately heard that the boatswain of Sheerness Yard 'makes difficulty of doing anything relating to his Majesty's service at the direction of the master attendant out of the gates of the yard': the board are to give what directions they shall think needful, as also that the Ann and Christopher's company may on all occasions be ready to give their assistance in anything relating to the king's service there. Desires to know what construction is made at the pay-table of the king's warrants for bearing midshipmen extraordinary on his ships—whether to making them supernumeraries above the whole complement of the ships' companies, or only supernumeraries in qualifying such persons to midshipmen's pay above the ordinary number of midshipmen allowed: supposes the latter is what the king means. The lord privy seal [1] last council day obtained the making free of the 4 ships the board last sold, so that it remains only that somebody attend the clerk of the council for the order.

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[1] See note to No. 1910.

1933. [p. 386.] 11 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Lawrence*, shipwright's assistant at Chatham.—A complaint has lately come to the lords against him from Mr. Loton, the minister of his parish and of the ordinary of the king's navy, which they have committed to the writer to accommodate, 'without the occasioning that dishonour which it must be of to his Majesty's service no less than to your particulars, to have two such officers as you are contending at law together in actions of scandal and schism, for of that nature seem to be the matters now in difference between you.' Will endeavour, if they think good, to decide it, and for that purpose will receive a statement from each; but if either be undesirous of his interposing, he will apply again to the lords for their further directions [1934, 1996].

1934. [p. 386.] 11 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Loton*, minister at Chatham [1933].—Has communicated his of 29 Oct. to the lords, who will at no time deny the favour of remedy at law against any who shall abuse the protection given them by their relation to the king's service. But in this case, as in all others, they do first think it their parts to satisfy themselves how far that protection is presumed upon, before they expose the service to the interruption which attendances on suits of law may occasion thereto; and as both parties have dependence on the navy, they have commanded the writer to examine and decide the case, if the parties are willing [1996].

1935. [p. 387.] 12 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland*,[2] Dragon.—The officers of the navy will reconsider his present complement. Fears that the number of midshipmen extraordinary and volunteers may render his complement 'less effectual than it would be were they all of equal ability and disposition for labour with the ordinary true seamen.' Desires his thoughts on this.

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[1] The Earl of Anglesey. *D. N. B.* ii. 1.

[2] *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

1936. [p. 387.] 12 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Legatt*, consul at Genoa.—The king and lords are much dissatisfied with his return to what was demanded of him about the king's ships carrying merchants' goods [1881], 'it being a point wherein the honour of his Majesty's service seems as much concerned as any other falling within your cognisance, by how much the liberty herein taken by commanders of violating all orders and instructions, and bringing down the dignity of his Majesty's ships, is thereby exposed to the observation and censure of foreign princes and people, besides the other great prejudices his Majesty receives from the loss of time, service, and expense attending his ships whilst employed on their captains' private occasions.'

As to the other evils he mentions 'of merchant ships of foreign nations taken into the protection of English men-of-war, to the giving just matter of quarrel to the Turks, and that of the said merchant strangers wearing of our colours also with permission of the king's captains, nothing can be done at home effectually for the remedying of it (beyond what the practice of the navy has already provided) but the placing some marks of his Majesty's displeasure upon' the guilty commanders, and for this the king must be informed of particular instances.

Thanks for his advice touching the galley at Genoa; doubts not but he will be supplied with moneys for defraying the charge of any service he shall do in relation to her when the king shall come to any determination touching the fitting of her forth; hopes she may be got to sea with less waste of time and treasure than that at Livorne.[1] The king's commanders will be directed to apply themselves to him as he desires. Hopes a course is now in taking which will prevent their concerning themselves on shore so much as hitherto with merchants' affairs, 'the liberty taken by them therein being of late arrived to a degree utterly destructive to the service of his Majesty, both in its honour and success.'

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[1] On the galleys built at Genoa and Leghorn see *supra*, vol. i. p. 227.

1937. [p. 389.] 12 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Hill,* Marseilles. —Thanks for his of the 6th intimating the arrival of the Deptford ketch from Livorne. Captain Anguish's carrying merchants' goods and committing other irregularities has so far given matter of just displeasure to the king that he has sent another to command his ketch [1913, 1916] and ordered him to be brought home to give farther satisfaction, 'myself also being in particular commanded by the king to desire an account from you of all the merchants' goods which he so carried out to Livorne and brought thence, and what the galley also has done of the like kind in his passage to and from your port.'

1938. [p. 389.] 12 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Ball,* at Livorne. —Has received his of 22 Oct., and is sorry for the loss of the pink St. Joseph, and the misfortune the Deptford ketch met with [1913]. Desires particulars of the merchants' goods carried by Captain Anguish back to Marseilles [1937], as also of what the galley and Sweepstakes took away with them, 'they being reported, too, to have gone both away loaden with merchants' goods from Livorne.' 'As to the practices of the Spaniards, and particularly in this case of the St. Joseph, in seizing upon English shipping upon pretence of carrying Jews' goods,' the answer from the Governor of Port Langoon[1] will give light in that matter.

1939. [p. 390.] 14 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Dickenson,*[2] Downs.—Doubts not but the officers of the navy (to whom he says he will write) will give orders for supplying him with cables.

1940. [p. 390.] 14 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[3]—The sending of his sailing instructions hath been respited in expectation every day of hearing of his arrival in the Downs; but as the day is just now at hand by which his convoys by agreement of the magistrates of Yarmouth are to be there, the writer has this night sent them away [1943]. If this find him still in the River, his stay there may prove 'matter of great dislike.'

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[1] Porto Longone in Elba.

[2] See note to No. 1905.

[3] Commander of the Dragon [1935]. *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

1941. [p. 390.] 14 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Ashby,*[1] Rose, Sheerness.—Has received his of the 11th, and is glad of his arrival at Sheerness with the Rose. The king gives him leave for 2 or 3 days, at such time as may be without hindrance to the refitting his ship, in which all possible despatch must be made, since the second fleet of fish-ships [1907] which he is to convoy to the Straits will be ready to sail from the Downs on 1 Dec.

1942. [p. 391.] 14 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Shish,*[2] master-shipwright, Sheerness.—To make all the haste he can in getting the Rose to sea again [1941].

1943. [p. 391.] 14 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Neale,* post-master, Deal.—To deliver the enclosed packet to Sir Roger Strickland [1940] as soon as the Dragon arrives in the Downs.

1944. [p. 391.] 14 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Gunman.*[3]—To add, with the enclosed from his Majesty for his going to Rye, that in case a small coach shall be sent on board him by the lord marshal, he is to give it passage to Dieppe, but not to stay for it beyond Monday night [1950].

1945. [p. 391.] 16 *Nov. The same to the same.*—To give the bearer, Monsieur Carter,[4] with his goods and servants, passage to Dieppe [1950].

Postscript.—Also to the lord marshal's servant who is to accompany the coach [1944].

1946. [p. 392.] 16 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Burke,* master of the Isle of Wight yacht, at Portsmouth.—As to his desire of an increase of men, refers him to the navy board.

1947. [p. 392.] 16 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Being lately informed by Mr. Herbert, secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, of very great wants the Mary yacht is said to be under of stores for enabling her to keep the sea this winter, the writer intimates the same to the board, but presumes that her commander cannot have failed to do so.

1948. [p. 392.] 16 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Hill,* at Marseilles.—Encloses a warrant for the Deptford ketch to bring home what wines he shall have to put on board him [1912].

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[1] Captain John Ashby, formerly commander of the Lion [1207], had been appointed to the Rose on 12 Sept. (*supra*, vol. i. p. 319).

[2] See note to No. 1683.

[3] Commander of the Anne yacht [1950].

[4] So in the MS. The name is perhaps 'Quartier.'

1949. [p. 392.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Davies,*[1] Foresight.—Desires him to entertain as one of his 'trumpets' crew'[2] the bearer, the Italian trumpeter recommended by Sir Bernard Gascoigne.[3] Thinks him 'a very extraordinary man in his way.'

1950. [p. 392.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Gunman,* Anne yacht.—Without staying either for the coach or Mr. Carter [1944, 1945], to make the best of his way to Rye, Sir Henry Fitzjames, whom he is to transport to Dieppe, designing to set out thitherward this morning.

1951. [p. 393.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Hugh Cholmeley,*[4] *Bart.*—To defer the writer's meeting Sir Thomas Chicheley[5] and the rest of the company upon the business of Tangier from to-morrow afternoon to Saturday next at 3.

Underwritten: 'The like to John Creed, Esq.,[6] Henry Norwood, Thomas Povey.'[7]

1952. [p. 393.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Thynne.*[8]—Encloses an extract of a late letter from Captain Herbert[9] touching an indignity offered to the Cambridge by the governor of a Spanish castle in the Straits; it being what Mr. Secretary Coventry[10] by the king's order commanded the writer to send him, to the end satisfaction may be seasonably demanded for the same.

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[1] The date of Captain William Davies's commission to the Foresight is given in Pepys's *Register* as 3 Dec. 1674 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 343). The *Register* mentions another William 'Davies,' and two lieutenants with the surname 'Davis.'

[2] Ships of the first four rates carried a 'master trumpeter' and five 'ordinary trumpeters' (*supra*, vol. i. p. 150).

[3] Sir Bernard Gascoigne was himself a naturalised Italian; his original name was Bernardo Guasconi (*D. N. B.* xxi. 34).

[4] The name of Sir Hugh Cholmeley is on the original list of the Tangier Commission given in the *Diary* (Wheatley's edition, ii. 376).

[5] *D. N. B.* x. 231.

[6] Appointed in 1662 secretary to the commissioners for Tangier (*D. N. B.* xiii. 68).

[7] MS. 'Pouery.' Thomas Povey is on the original list of the Tangier Commission given in the *Diary*, ii. 376. He had preceded Pepys as treasurer for Tangier, holding office from 1662 till 1665 (*D. N. B.* xlvi. 236).

[8] MS. 'Thinn.'

[9] See note to No. 1142.

[10] See note to No. 1226.

1953. [p. 393.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Dickenson,*[1] Hunter, Downs.—Encloses orders for bringing his ship to Sheerness to be fitted for a voyage to Surinam to convoy some vessels for fetching off his Majesty's subjects there [1910].

1954. [p. 393.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Perriman,*[2] master attendant, Sheerness.—It is a great pity so much time should be lost in getting up and putting out of pay the French Ruby. Would be glad to know whence it ariseth that any of her guns yet remain on board. He is to save time in fitting the Hunter, that the flyboats now fitting to accompany her be not delayed [1953, 1991]. As to what he requests relating to himself, it is true the Katherine yacht is come home again,[3] given as they say by the Prince of Orange to Alderman Backwell,[4] and on his account fitted and sent home, where she now remains so, his Majesty not being concerned in her, nor likely to be. Nevertheless if it should be, the writer will not neglect doing him that or any other good office with the king and lords, his long service and well acquitting himself therein requiring no less.

1955. [p. 394.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Royden,*[5] Guernsey, Downs.—The king hath been pleased to call away the Hunter from the Downs [1953]. Encloses orders for him to command in chief there.

1956. [p. 394.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*— The king having, upon the debate on Saturday last with the lords (the board being present), resolved that taking down the pennant is not to be expected from any foreign man-of-war riding in the Downs in sight of the commander-in-chief, these are to put them in mind of considering how far it may be necessary for the ship which shall have command-in-chief there, and which from her quality and the saving of charge shall not be allowed to wear a flag, be appointed to bear some mark of difference, and, if so, what may be proper to be established in that case without exposing the king to the extraordinary charge of a flag.

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[1] See note to No. 1905.

[2] See note to No. 286.

[3] The old Katherine yacht, built in 1661, is described in Pepys's *Register of Ships* as having been taken by the Dutch, Aug. 1673 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 295).

[4] See note to No. 1451.

[5] See note to No. 1784.

1957. [p. 394.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Tippetts*, surveyor of the navy.—His Majesty frequently inquiring of him concerning particular ships, whether this or that be sheathed or no, the writer desires a list of all the ships that are sheathed, and which with lead and which otherwise, and of those with lead how long so sheathed. Also a distinct account of the different charge of the sheathing of one ship of each rate the old way, and this new way of lead.

1958. [p. 395.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Gunman*, Anne yacht.—To carry the bearer, Mr. Philip Pigear, to Dieppe, and to bring him back into the River if required [1959].

1959. [p. 395.] 18 *Nov. S. P. to Madam Gwyn.*[1]—Has just now received the honour of her commands, and encloses what she requires of him [1958]. Fears Captain Gunman set sail this morning from Greenwich for Rye, there to receive Sir Henry Fitzjames and having carried him over to Dieppe to attend there till he shall receive further orders from him for his return; so that the only means of securing Mr. Pigear's passage over by this yacht must be by his setting out to-morrow towards Rye. But a more easy opportunity of passage will offer itself within a week or ten days, by the yacht that shall be appointed for fetching over Lord Duras.[2]

1960. [p. 395.] 19 *Nov. S. P. to Mr. Legatt*, consul at Genoa.—To send an account of the present state of the galley now at Genoa, which that republic have given to his Majesty, how far she is finished, and what remains to be done on her; as also the intention of the State of Genoa for furnishing her with apparel and furniture, and his opinion what sum will be needful for finishing and apparelling her.[3]

1961. [p. 396.] 20 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Booth*,[4] Pearl, Sheerness.—Desires him to make haste into the Downs, the Hunter being called away on another service, so that the Guernsey only will at present be left to attend the work he with others was last employed on. Will lay his seamen's petition for their wages before the king and lords; in the meantime presumes he will give leave to none of them to come up, and for those who come without leave will see them punished by being pricked upon his books. The navy board have had order some days since for victualling him for 3 months.

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[1] MS. 'Gwin.'

[2] See note to No. 1433.

[3] This galley does not seem ever to have been armed (Corbett, *England in the Mediterranean*, ii. 77).

[4] See note to No. 1077.

1962. [p. 396.] 20 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will forthwith provide the lords' order for the chirurgeon's mate of the Foresight to serve upon the Vulture. Will inform the king and lords with the ground of the Europa hulk's present bearing of more men at Tangier than was designed for her, hoping that when the occasion thereof shall be removed they will remember to reduce the number. Will acquaint the king and lords with their careful information touching Captain Marshall's[1] unfaithfulness, who though he be discharged the service will hardly escape without some further censure for it than that of making good the victuals of the person unduly borne by him on his ship's books; as also with what they propound touching a privy seal for the sale of the old provisions and stores they mention.

1963. [p. 396.] 21 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Day*, Bezan yacht.—To carry the contractors for victualling down to Chatham and back.

1964. [p. 396.] 21 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Jeremy Smyth.*[2]—For the fuller satisfaction of the king and lords touching the long staying abroad of the ships in the margin which went forth with Captain Rooth to the Straits, the writer desires to know the time for which each of them was victualled when they departed from Plymouth in February last [1224].

Margin: Swiftsure, Constant Warwick, Bonadventure, Swallow, Falcon, Reserve, Richmond, Speedwell, Dreadnought, Well dogger, Plymouth, Dover, Ann and Christopher, Olive Branch, Advice, Sweepstakes.

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[1] Probably Thomas Marshall, commander of the Hind dogger [1045], who disappears from notice about this time until 4 Nov. 1679, when he reappears as lieutenant of the Woolwich (Charnock, *Biog. Nav.* i. 242). There was also a Captain John Marshall, who was appointed to the George fireship in 1672 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 382).

[2] Comptroller of the victualling. *D. N. B.* liii. 65.

1965. [p. 397.] 21 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Royden,*[1] Guernsey, Downs.—The king knows not how to judge of the importance of the service of convoying the ships he mentions to Seine Head and St. Valery,[2] as neither his letter nor the list from the Downs gives any particular account of them, but his Majesty does not think it advisable to have the Downs left without some one ship there, or at least so near as that within a day or two there may be one there, which when he is gone cannot be depended upon, in regard the Hunter is to come into the River, the Greyhound is gone to Holland, and the Pearl is not yet quite ready to return to him. He is therefore ordered to remain where he is until the Pearl be with him and he receive further orders.

1966. [p. 397.] 21 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. John Bullack,* mayor of Dover.—Is extremely sensible of the ill tidings his of the 19th, signed by the rest of the corporation, brings touching the late damage their harbour hath received. Has this day given the lords of the admiralty such an account of it as that their desires on behalf thereof 'will meet all furtherance from them at the council board.'

1967. [p. 398.[3]] 23 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir John Narbrough*[4] [2042].—Encloses a copy of a letter 'brought the last night by the body of the Turkey merchants to his Majesty showing some late proceedings of the Tripoleeses in carrying in of two ships . . . without any reason given for the same, more than what is suggested in that letter of their having been neglected by us in their not having received any letters from his Majesty since the last change of government there, so as that they will be thought to remain under doubt whether his Majesty looks upon himself as obliged by the said treaty, and in pursuance of that doubt have for better certainty laid their hands upon these two prizes, one of which is valued at 30,000*l.* Which rendering the case of that place quite different from what it was looked upon to be at your departure hence . . . further directions for your proceedings with that people' are enclosed under the king's own hand. Prays that if possible a breach may be prevented, though 'his Majesty hath herewith given you power to proceed to hostility with them, as well upon consideration of the encouragement which these people would have, and those of Tunis and Argeir might reasonably collect, to the adventuring upon the same method of proceedings as those of Tripoli have done in case his Majesty should be found contenting himself with the ratification of the peace without the restitution of the vessels and goods thus unduly seized, as in confidence that if this should happen to find you before you part with the rest of the ships you shall meet with, and thereby appear with any tolerable force before the place, it may bring them to easy terms of compliance, at least to much easier than can be hoped for by leaving them in a quiet possession of what they have already, and what they may further, by a like breach of faith, be encouraged to look out for and may too probably pick up out of the great wealth which his Majesty's subjects the merchants trading into Turkey are said to have at this day floating within that sea.'

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[1] See note to No. 1784. Captain Royden had just been appointed commander-in-chief in the Downs in succession to Captain Dickenson, commander of the Hunter [1955].

[2] MS. 'St. Valaryes.'

[3] Out of order in the MS.

[4] See note to No. 1794.

1968. [p. 397.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Encloses a demand received in a letter from Sir Roger Strickland,[1] dated 22 November from the Downs, wherein he gives an account of the damage which several merchant ships have met with by occasion of the late stormy weather, but he met with no further damage than the losing of his long-boat and an anchor, which being supplied, with the other things mentioned in the said demand, except the cable, which he thinks he may make shift without, he will be in a condition to proceed on his voyage. They are to supply him in the speediest manner they can, as he has to sail upon the arrival of the Yarmouth fishermen, who designed to be there yesterday.

1969. [p. 397.] 24 *Nov. The same to the same.*—On a second reading of Sir R. Strickland's letter [1968], thinks it necessary to send them a transcript of one particular more in it relating to the matter of his old solicitation concerning the want of men: '*I am ashamed of giving you so many troubles concerning my desires of being allowed more men; we were so much puzzled in the late storm that*

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[1] Commander of the Dragon [1935]. *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

really we found a want of hands. If an increase will not be granted, I humbly beg that cripples,[1] *volunteers, midshipmen extraordinary, &c., may be allowed as supernumeraries, that I may entertain so many able seamen more, which will be some help and satisfaction to me.'* Desires their opinion how far an increase may be necessary [1980, 1989]. Is very apprehensive that the number of volunteers and extra midshipmen (not less than half a score) may take off more of the hands allowed him in time of peace than that complement can spare, but they will know best whether there was any such room left in their establishment for so many unserviceable hands. Hears from Yarmouth that their herring fleet will be ready to sail thence towards the Downs as yesterday.

1970. [p. 400.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—Is sorry for the backwardness of their ships, as the frigate for their convoy hath for some time already lain in full charge to his Majesty in expectation of their coming, as the second frigate will now in a very few days do [1907]. Desires them to hasten away their ships to their rendezvous in the Downs.

1971. [p. 400.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Royden,*[2] Guernsey, in the Downs.—Is sorry at the general ill effects of the last storms. Could wish the Hunter were come over. It is reported that one of the king's yachts is lost, but hopes it is only the Merlin, which is safe. Desires to know whether he has any reason to believe any such report, and when the Anne went by the Downs, which sailed out of the River for Rye on Wednesday last [1983].

1972. [p. 400.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Booth,*[3] Pearl, at Sheerness.—To make haste to the Downs [1965].

1973. [p. 401.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Perriman.*[4]—Would be glad to know whether the bad weather hath had any ill effects with him, letters from the Downs and elsewhere giving an account of much harm done. To continue his despatch to the Pearl, for she is much wanted in the Downs [1965]. He has done well in what he has observed to the master shipwright 'touching the ill fruits that have been met with of the caulking heretofore of ships newly come out of his hands, who have presently complained of leakiness, proceeding, I am apt to believe, from the cause you have imputed it to of endeavouring a greater despatch than would consist with the well-doing of the work' [1984]. Is sensible of the inconveniences he must undergo till he has provision made on shore for his quartering, which all in good time the king will be in a condition of treasure to remedy. As to what he mentions to arise from his interfering with the soldiers and officers of the garrison, the navy board will report on it to the lords, but the difficulties will not be removed 'until some establishment be made by which it may be known what shall be esteemed the governor's part and what the officers of the yard to do towards the safe keeping of the king's stores and reasonable refreshment of your workmen there' [1984].

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[1] See note to No. 1367.

[2] See note to No. 1965.

[3] See note to No. 1077.

[4] Master attendant at Sheerness [1954]. See note to No. 286.

Postscript.—The officers of the navy have taken care that the Ann and Christopher's men shall be assisting to him on all occasions.

1974. [p. 402.] 24 *Nov. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[1]—Is extremely afflicted at his particular sufferings, and the losses in general among the poor merchantmen from the late storms. Doubts not that the officers of the navy will supply his wants arising therefrom, and his want of men [1968, 1969]. Has this day understood from Yarmouth that their herring ships would be ready to sail thence towards him as yesterday; has advertised the officers of the navy, that no time may be lost in putting him into a condition again of accompanying them [1969].

1975. [p. 402.] 25 *Nov. S. P. to Lord Cornbury.*[2]—His commands contain nothing but what is very reasonable on Captain Jenifer's part.[3] To send the enclosed to Lord Brouncker [1976], who (being equally interested in the satisfaction of her Majesty) will hasten the execution of the lord treasurer's orders for the payment of the money [1976].

Postscript.—His giving him the trouble of the enclosed is for giving Lord Brouncker the quicker belief of the queen's concernment in it.

[1] See note to No. 1968.

[2] See note to No. 1527.

[3] Commander of the queen's ship, the Saudados [1976]. See note to No. 55.

1976. [p. 402.] 25 *Nov.* '6 at night.' *S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[1]—The queen's vessel the Saudados being by her Majesty earnestly pressed to be gone on her voyage to Lisbon, while her company expects the lord treasurer's orders for one year's pay, the writer hopes he will send to the officers concerned in the payment of her, and concur with Captain Jenifer's desire of having it done at Half-way Tree[2] for preventing the loss both of men and time.

1977. [p. 403.] 26 *Nov.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Returns their last estimate for the business of Surinam [1923], the absence of the treasurer of the navy making it necessary that it should be committed to that officer of his who is entrusted with the solicitation for moneys.

1978. [p. 403.] 26 *Nov.* *S. P. to Mr. Neale*, postmaster, Deal.—Thanks him for his care of his letters. Has forborne to pursue the mistake lately committed by him, in confidence that it was from inadvertency and not neglect [1831, 1845].

1979. [p. 403.] 26 *Nov.* *S. P. to Captain Royden*,[3] Guernsey, Downs.—Wishes they could hear good tidings of the Hunter and the Anne yacht [1983]. The Pearl will suddenly be with him [2003].

1980. [p. 403.] 26 *Nov.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland*,[4] Downs.—Is much surprised at his of the 23rd. Cannot think but that the king may have a liberty allowed him of taking notice of his ship's proceedings without its being thought a matter of provocation, especially in a case where a day hath been long before set, and where, when that day was very near, he remained still in the River in want of so considerable stores as a new foresail and a new main topsail, though 8 days before he gave it under his hand that his wants were only some small stores, as compasses, aprons for the guns, &c., which he hoped to get on board in 3 days. Will say no more, as supposing what he wrote did arise on the sudden. Encloses the king's warrant for turning his volunteers and extra midshipmen into supernumeraries [1969].

1981. [p. 404.] 28 *Nov.* '11 at night.' *S. P. to Captain Fasby*, Cleveland yacht, Greenwich.—To go over to

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[1] Comptroller of the treasurer's accounts. *D. N. B.* vi. 469.

[2] See note to No. 1909.

[3] See note to No. 1965.

[4] Commander of the Dragon [1935]. *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

Calais for Lord Duras[1] and bring him into the river of Thames [2007].

1982. [p. 404]. 30 *Nov. S. P. to Captain Dickenson,*[2] Hunter, Sheerness.—Is very glad of his safety. Desires his despatch in fitting his ship for Surinam [1953], the merchant ships which are to accompany him being very forward in their preparations. To be sparing in admitting volunteers, as the two commissioners designed to be sent there, with their companies, will require accommodation.

1983. [p. 404.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Royden,*[3] Guernsey, in the Downs.—Is glad to hear the Hunter is in safety; the Anne yacht was at Rye, whence she is proceeded for Dieppe.

1984. [p. 405.] 1 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Shish,*[4] shipwright, Sheerness.—Has taken notice to the king and lords of the despatch which from time to time he makes in fitting forth the king's ships that come into Sheerness [1973]. Has opened to them the ill-usage the officers of the navy at that place receive from the governor and soldiers of the garrison, and has gotten the full examination thereof referred to the officers of the navy. Meanwhile let all due order and decent respect be paid to the governor [1973, 2020].

1985. [p. 405.] 2 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Jenifer.*[5]—The king esteems his wearing 'a particular flag different from any of those which [by] his Majesty's ships upon proper occasions are by warrant of the admiral usually worn,' a thing 'extraordinary unjustifiable,' and commands the writer to desire an account from him by what advice or warrant he first took it up and so long continued it. 'True it is out of regard for her Majesty his Majesty is pleased to give me leave to tell you that for preventing any unfit constructions that may be made by the Portuguese of your not being found wearing the flag which you have accustomed them to expect with you, no notice shall be taken to your prejudice here of your putting up and wearing the said flag within the river of Lisbon and there only, provided no other ship of his Majesty's be in sight of you during your so wearing it; but even this he is pleased to think so unjustifiable by the laws and discipline of the seas as that he will not be found so far to encourage it as by giving you permission by any written order.' The king is surprised to find that he has never had any commission to this day, either from the lord high admiral or himself, for the command of his ship [2002], which for any act of hostility he may have done exposes him to be condemned as a pirate. This 'has brought your discretion under very great question both with the king and queen, she having been pleased this night herself to tell me that she did ever think you had the lord high admiral's commission.' A commission[1] is enclosed with the usual printed instructions annexed.

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[1] See note to No. 1433.

[2] See note to No. 1805.

[3] See note to No. 1965.

[4] See note to No. 1769.

[5] See note to No. 1975.

1986. [p. 406.] 3 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Voteer,*[2] Ann and Christopher.—Is glad of his arrival at Sheerness.

1987. [p. 406.] 3 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Ashby,*[3] Rose, at Sheerness.—To make all the haste he can in fitting his ship and getting with her into the Downs.

1988. [p. 407.] 3 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Davies,*[4] Foresight, Downs.—Has received his of the 30 Nov., and is heartily glad of his being safe arrived in the Downs. Encloses the king's warrant for the person he proposes to succeed his boatswain deceased : to take care that he is rightly charged with the goods and remains of stores. The Vulture sloop is on her way towards him, and is to follow his orders.

1989. [p. 407.] 3 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland,*[5] Downs.—Has daily expected to hear of more of the herring men being come to desire his convoy besides the two he mentions [1974]; to stay a day or two longer for them [2010]. The cripples are not allowed as supernumeraries [1969, 1980], the officers of the navy having heretofore declared that such a limited number to be sent on board the king's ships by their special order might be without inconvenience borne upon the ordinary complement of men.[6] As to the late mistake [1980], 'I shall always be found walking by that rule that shall both make and keep me a friend to every worthy man, and particularly to yourself under that character, and as such do expect you will excuse me in saying that the king must be reckoned very hardly used when his officers shall declare their being weary of his service for his asking them but once how they spend their time whilst in his service and wages.' Encloses additional instructions upon occasion of the present state of affairs at Tripoli [1967].

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[1] This commission is entered in Pepys's *Register* as dated 2 Dec., 1674, but Captain Jenifer is also entered as commander of the Saudados before this, under a commission dated 1671 from the queen herself (*supra*, vol. i. p. 371).

[2] See note to No. 1785.

[3] See note to No. 1941.

[4] See note to No. 1949.

[5] Commander of the Dragon [1935]. *D. N. B.* lv. 52.

[6] See note to No. 1367.

1990. [p. 408.] 3 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Booth*,[1] Pearl, at Sheerness.—The officers of the navy will answer him in reference to the payment of his ship.

1991. [p. 408.] 3 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Will acquaint the lords with what they write concerning the victuals to be sent in the ships to Surinam [1910]. The king approves of what they have done in hiring two ships instead of flyboats; will procure them an order from the lords for the same [1910, 1953, 1954, 2031].

1992. [p. 408.] 3 *Dec. S. P. to Sir John Narbrough.*[2]—To take care for the redemption of Richard Sanders, carried to Argeir by a pirate of Sallee, as far as is consistent with the treaty for those originally taken by the Algerines [1766].

1993. [p. 409.] 4 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Nathaniel Herne.*[3]—Desires him to thank Sir John Frederick[4] for his favour to Mr. How. Encloses an answer to a late letter from Consul Legatt [1994].

1994. [p. 409.] 4 *Dec. S. P. to Consul Legatt.*[5]—His of 14 Nov. hath given the king and lords much more satisfaction than his former [1881, 1936]. Desires him to prevent as much as may be the irregularities of commanders, who shall be directed, as he desires, to make their applications to him on all occasions wherein his Majesty's service shall call for their applying themselves to any merchants of our nation at that port.

1995. [p. 409.] 4 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Not knowing whether the voluntary charge which each commander (in the list lately sent them from the lords) hath given them of merchants' goods by them taken in in foreign ports may have been satisfactorily done, the writer encloses a copy of a note received from Genoa of the king's ships which have of late come in thither from Livorne without any merchant convoys with them or taking any from thence at their departure, but laded merchant goods themselves at that port. This will in general enable them to find whether all the said commanders have of their own accord taken notice to them of any goods by them laden in the said port [1881].

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[1] See note to No. 1077.
[2] See note to No. 1794.
[3] See note to No. 1698.
[4] See note to No. 1879.
[5] Consul at Genoa [1960].

1996. [p. 410.] 4 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Loton*, minister at Chatham.—Has communicated his of 13 Nov. to the king and lords, with the little hopes the writer has at this distance of accommodating his difference with Mr. Lawrence [1933, 1934]. They have therefore committed the full inquiry into it to Commissioner Beach,[1] who is upon the place [2022].

Underwritten: 'The like to Mr. Lawrence.' [2]

1997. [p. 410.] 5 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Davies*,[3] Foresight, in the Downs.—According to his desires, encloses the king's orders for his bearing the midshipmen and volunteers on board him as supernumeraries [1969].

1998. [p. 411.] 7 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Dickenson.*[4]—Leave to come to town.

1999. [p. 411.] 8 *Dec.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[5]—Has received his of the 6th, and is sorry for his ill news of the 4 vessels he supposes to be lost on the Goodwin. Wonders that he hears no more of the Yarmouth ships [1989]. The king is so far sensible of the neglect that place shows of the care he hath been so graciously pleased to have of them, that he will not have him stir till a competent number be come to him [2001]. To convey the enclosed to Mr. St. John[6] at Tangier.

2000. [p. 411.] 8 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Royden*,[7] Downs.—He has done well in acquainting the officers of the navy with his want of a boat and cable.

2001. [p. 412.] 8 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth.*—The king takes notice of the great backwardness of the herring fleet [1999], the first part whereof which should have been ready by the middle of November appearing not yet, to his great disappointment and charge by his ships lying full manned in victuals and wages. Desires by the very next post to know the true state of their fish ships.

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[1] See note to No. 80.

[2] Shipwright's assistant at Chatham [1933].

[3] See note to No. 1949.

[4] Commander of the Hunter [1982].

[5] Commander of the Dragon [1935]. *D.N.B.* lv. 52.

[6] Paymaster at Tangier.

[7] See note to No. 1965.

2002. [p. 412.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Jenifer.*[1]—Has communicated his of the 4th to the king and his Royal Highness, who are satisfied in his having formerly had his Royal Highness's commission.[2] The king, having left him to the sole directions of the queen, will see him indemnified in what he does by her orders relating to the breach of the 40th Article, but the writer advises him to see that he has her Majesty's orders expressly for what he does in reference to the taking in of merchants' goods. 'You mention a very good title to all fitting offices of friendship I can show you upon the score of my noble Lord Sandwich,[3] nor shall you want it on your own account.'

Postscript.—'I am this evening directed by his Highness[4] to bespeak of you the storing of him with some Spanish onions at your return.'

2003. [p. 412.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Desires them to inquire into the delay of the Pearl [1979]. The captain hath hitherto imputed it to the want of his provisions, which they are to quicken the victuallers in [2009].

2004. [p. 413.] 8 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Wood,*[5] Portsmouth.—Has received his of the 4th from Plymouth, and is glad he is safely arrived so far. To prepare his books for being paid off and laid up, and to send up a copy of the journal of his late voyage.

2005. [p. 413.] 10 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Hayter.*[6]—Has seen Mr. Maddockes[7] and acquainted him that the writer cannot meet with them this week, but on Saturday will offer a time that may suit with Lord Brouncker's[8] occasions and ours.

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[1] See note to No. 1975.

[2] See No. 1985 and note.

[3] *D. N. B.* xxxviii. 232.

[4] 'His Highness' is usually Prince Rupert.

[5] Commander of the Bonadventure. See note to No. 698.

[6] See note to No. 1924.

[7] See note to No. 1313.

[8] See note to No. 1976.

2006. [p. 413.] 10 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Moore*, master attendant, Portsmouth.—Lord Berkeley, Mr. Ashburnham, and Mr. Serjeant Maynard having applied to the king that the officers of his yard at Portsmouth may assist in weighing a small vessel called the Content, of Plymouth, which was lately by bad weather sunk in that harbour, his Majesty orders them to do so as far as it may be done without interruption to the service, and provided that the owners make good any damage which shall be done to the king's lighters or stores employed therein, and pay such of his workmen as shall be made use of for it.

2007. [p. 414.] 10 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Fasby*, Cleveland, at Calais.—Lord Duras[1] has changed his purpose of coming to Calais [1981, 2014]; he is therefore to return to the river of Thames.

2008. [p. 414.] 10 *Dec. S. P. to Lord Leyenbergh.*[2]—On Monday a passage by one of the yachts will offer for Lord Königsmark's going over to Dieppe.

2009. [p. 414.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Thanks for their account of the 9th of the despatch of the Pearl's victuals [2003]. As to ordering of the Bonadventure to be brought about to Woolwich, it was by their advice of 5 June last that she was appointed to Portsmouth. Nevertheless, if upon second thoughts they shall continue their opinion, the writer will move the king for it, though it hath been denied to the solicitations of several persons, some on behalf of the captain and some on behalf of the merchants concerned in the goods on board [2013, 2020].

2010. [p. 415.] 11 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland*,[3] Downs.—In case the writer does not hear before to-morrow night of any further number of the Yarmouth ships come to him [1989, 2018], he will move the king again for coming to some final resolution, either for his present departure, or his taking in a further supply of victuals. As Captain Royden[4] is commander-in-chief in the station between the Downs and the coasts of France and Flanders, he is of duty obliged to set the watch, without any diminution intended either to himself, or to any other superior commander or ship which shall happen to come into the Downs. It seems 'something unnatural that a small ship should remain commander-in-chief in the presence of a greater ship and ancienter commander.'[1] Will inquire what 'the ancient and constant practice of the navy' hath been in this case, and whether it ought to continue or no, but till that comes to some regular determination by the king and lords, it will be fit to acquiesce in its remaining as at present.

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[1] See note to No. 1433.

[2] MS. 'Loyonbergh.' Sir John Barckman Leyenbergh was the Swedish Resident (*Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1672, p. 155).

[3] See note to No. 1999.

[4] See note to No. 1965.

2011. [p. 415.] 12 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Leoline Jenkins.*[2]—To meet Mr. Secretary Williamson[3] this afternoon at his office at Whitehall to discourse as well the particular case of the Ostend caper as the general matter of the flag, and the methods to be taken for his Majesty's present asserting of his rights therein.

2012. [p. 415.] 12 *Dec. S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[4]—The king gives him leave to come to town.

2013. [p. 416.] 14 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Since the arrival of the Bonadventure, the Sweepstakes also is come to Plymouth, where are orders for their repairing both to Portsmouth. Propounds the same consideration concerning the latter as already concerning the former [2009], to the end that if Portsmouth is become less convenient for the reception of more ships, the king may be informed, who is unwilling that for the sake either of the merchants or his commanders so great a charge should so unnecessarily be drawn upon him as must attend their being brought about into the River, unless his own service only (and no other consideration) require it [2020].

2014. [p. 416.] 14 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Fasby,*[5] Calais.—Encloses a copy of his of the 10th [2007], Lord Duras[6] having determined to come back by way of Dieppe.

2015. [p. 417.] 14 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Baker.*—To take charge of the Kitchen yacht and transport Mr. Mansfeild [2016], Lord Königsmark, and Mr. Cartwright to Dieppe, Captain Wright[1] being disabled by sudden sickness and recommending him.

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[1] Captain Royden's ship, the Guernsey, was a 5th rate, while Sir Roger Strickland's ship, the Dragon, was a 4th rate. The first commission of the former as captain was dated 1672, and of the latter, 1666.

[2] See note to No. 1695.

[3] See note to No. 1803.

[4] See note to No. 80.

[5] Commander of the Cleveland yacht [2007].

[6] See note to No. 1433.

2016. [p. 417.] 14 *Dec.* '5 at night.' *The same to the same* [2015].—Something falling out that prevents Mr. Mansfeild's coming on board him this night, he is to proceed at once to the Downs, where Mr. Mansfeild will without fail meet him on Wednesday, beyond which he is not to stay for him.

2017. [p. 417.] 15 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Pinn*, Dartmouth, Downs.—Has received his of the 14th, and has communicated to his Majesty his being arrived in the Downs, who orders him to Woolwich to be paid off and laid up; in the meantime he is to prepare his books and send up his journal. Has lately received a letter from Lord Ossory[2] in relation to what has lately passed between Mr. Southwell[3] and him at Kinsale; the benefit whereof and the good character he gives of him he will receive at his coming up.

2018. [p. 418.] 15 *Dec.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[4]—Has received his of the 14th, giving advice of the arrival of his convoys [2010] and his purpose of sailing, with which the king is very well satisfied.

2019. [p. 418.] 15 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Ashby*,[5] Rose, Downs.—Has received his of the 13th, and has communicated to the king his being arrived in the Downs, who commands him to stay there till further orders.

2020. [p. 418.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—According to their advice, the Bonadventure is ordered to Woolwich and the Sweepstakes to Deptford [2009, 2013, 2023]. The Crown was designed to Portsmouth by their distribution. The Dartmouth is ordered to Woolwich [2017]; is she to remain there, or come up higher? Captain Perriman[6] desiring leave this Christmas to come up to London for supplying himself with several things whereof he is in want, is referred to them; doubts not that if the service permits they will let him come up in the Royal Escape, as he will then be able to inform us more strictly than he hath yet done in the truth of the matters in difference between the Governor of Sheerness and the officers of the navy there [1973], and answer what the governor doth here very positively insist upon touching the misbehaviour of the officers towards the king and their offence to him.

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[1] See note to No. 66.

[2] *D. N. B.* viii. 81.

[3] *D. N. B.* liii. 300.

[4] See note to No. 1999.

[5] See note to No. 1941.

[6] Captain John Perriman, master attendant at Sheerness [2021]. See note to No. 286.

2021. [p. 419.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Perriman,*[1] master attendant, Sheerness.—His coming up is referred to the officers of the navy [2020]. As to the Royal Escape, if he keeps to the terms upon which she was at first designed for him—namely, that she might put his Majesty to no more charge than she would have done in the wet dock—the navy board will doubtless give way to his making all convenient use of her.

2022. [p. 419.] 16 *Dec.* *S. P. to Commissioner Beach.*[2] —The lords are well satisfied with what he has done in obtaining an accommodation of the differences between his minister and Mr. Lawrence [1996].

2023. [p. 419.] 18 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—Has received the enclosed from Captain Wood[3] of the Bonadventure, giving an account of his having got all his guns and sails on shore, and desiring directions whether to finish his unrigging or take his guns and sails on board again [2009, 2013, 2020]. Desires their advice.

Margin: 'Desires their advice about the Bonadventure, whether [she] shall fit again and come up the River, or lie where she is.'

2024. [p. 419.] 18 *Dec.* *S. P. to Lord Brouncker.*[4]—To alter his appointment with him. Desires also for Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer[5] an account of what exchequer orders for money for the use of the navy remain at this day unpaid.

2025. [p. 420.] 18 *Dec.* *S. P. to the Navy Board.*—[*To the same effect as the preceding letter.*]

2026. [p. 420.] 21 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Forster*, under-sheriff of Surrey.—To appear before the lords on Wednesday at 10 to answer for some injurious proceedings wherewith he will find himself charged in the enclosed petition in the case of the Randolph, Randolph Poulson, master [2041].

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[1] See note to No. 286.

[2] See note to No. 80.

[3] See note to No. 698.

[4] See note to No. 1976.

[5] Sir John Duncombe [554].

2027. [p. 420.] 21 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Locke*,[1] secretary to the commissioners [for plantations].—The despatch of the instructions to the masters of the vessels taken up for transporting his Majesty's subjects from Surinam [1991] depending in some particulars upon the advice of the council of plantations, the writer desires notice of their next meeting that he may attend them.

2028. [p. 420.] 21 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland.*[2]—Returns him thanks for his kindness to Mr. Pickering [1920, 2045].

2029. [p. 421.] 21 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Baker.*[3]—The wind 'hanging out of the way' for his voyage to Dieppe, Mr. Mansfeild is to be put on shore, if he desires it, at Calais, Boulogne, or any other port of France on this side Dieppe [2015, 2016].

2030. [p. 421.] 21 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Booth.*[4]—The king has called in the Dartmouth for the saving of charge during this winter season on the coast of Ireland, but when he shall appoint any other ship the writer will do his part in the good office he desires.

2031. [p. 421.] 22 *Dec. S. P. to Sir Joseph Williamson.*[5]—The flyboat designed for carrying his letters of advice to Surinam [1910] is the Henry and Sarah, John Baker, master. The two hired ships which are to follow [1991] are the America, Roger Paxton,[6] master, and the Hercules, Simon Orton, master. The king's ship that convoys them is the Hunter, Captain Richard Dickenson, commander [1982].

2032. [p. 421.] 22 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Fowell*, vice-admiral of Devon.—To inform the lords in what further shall happen touching the two wrecks he mentions, and what he shall upon inquiry find touching the truth of

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[1] John Locke, the philosopher, was secretary to the commission of trade and plantations from 15 Oct. 1673 until its dissolution, 12 March, 1674–5 (*D. N. B.* xxxiv. 29).

[2] See note to No. 1999.

[3] In temporary command of the Kitchen yacht [2015].

[4] See note to No. 1077.

[5] See note to No. 1803.

[6] MS. 'Packston.'

Lord St. John's pretences to the wrecks happening on that coast.[1] When the account of his disbursements for the Bachelor shall be brought to the lords (which may shortly be, as she is come into the River and her lading under disposal) he may depend on all justice and kindness from them for his extra care.

2033. [p. 422.] 22 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Wood*,[2] Portsmouth.—Has acquainted the lords with his of the 25th touching 2 French men-of-war having refused to strike their topsails, notwithstanding his firing several times at them. In order to the demanding satisfaction of the French for that affront, the lords desire the names of the ships and their commanders [2048].

2034. [p. 422.] 22 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Voteer.*[3]—The king gives him leave to come to town for 5 days.

2035. [p. 422.] 23 *Dec.* 'Sent by express at 6 at night.' *S. P. to Captain Langley*, master [of the] packet-boats at Harwich.—The king has appointed the Navy yacht to repair immediately to Harwich, upon occasion of the advice Mr. Secretary Williamson[4] this day received from him touching the yacht lately come in with 50 of his Majesty's subjects from the Brill. Desires him to assist the captain of the Navy yacht in executing his orders, and to inform himself in the proceedings and design of the said vessel [2036, 2038].

2036. [p. 422.] 23 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Smith*,[5] Navy yacht.—To apply himself to Captain Langley[6] at Harwich, together with Captain Taylor,[7] the king's officer there, for the better informing himself touching the design of the vessel lately come from the Brill with several of his Majesty's subjects on board who are desirous of being freed from thence [2035, 2038].

Margin: 'To apply himself to Captain Langley for assistance, and Captain Taylor, in the apprehending the yacht on board which 50 soldiers are said to be detained.'

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[1] Charles Paulet, Lord St. John, afterwards Marquis of Winchester, and later Duke of Bolton, was lord lieutenant of the county of Hampshire from 1667 to 1676 (*D. N. B.* xliv. 83). It is not clear what coast is referred to in the text.

[2] See note to No. 2004.

[3] See note to No. 1785.

[4] See note to No. 1803.

[5] Captain Anthony Smith. Pepys's *Register* gives seven other officers of the same surname (*supra*, vol. i. pp. 406–7).

[6] Master of the packet boats at Harwich [2035].

[7] See note to No. 261.

2037. [p. 423.] 24 *Dec. S. P. to the captains of the Anne, Katherine, or Kitchen yachts at Dieppe.*—At their return from Dieppe, to give Mr. Francis Pyar and his company passage to Greenwich.

Underwritten: 'The like to the Cleveland or Kitchen at Calais.'

2038. [p. 423.] 26 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Langley,*[1] at Harwich.—Thanks for his advice of the 24th of the poor men's getting on shore out of the yacht where they were detained [2035, 2036]. To deliver the enclosed to the captain of the Navy yacht [2039].

2039. [p. 423.] 26 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Smith,*[1] Navy yacht.—The men having set themselves at liberty, his business is despatched, and he is to return into the river of Thames [2038].

2040. [p. 423.] 28 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To supply the Katherine yacht with a bowsprit and other stores.

2041. [p. 423.] 28 *Dec. S. P. to Dr. Lloyd.*[2]—There having been a petition presented to the lords complaining that the under-sheriff of Surrey did lately, under colour of an execution in the county of Surrey, seize upon the Randolph, of about 70 tons, riding at anchor near the Tower of London, 'whereby the jurisdiction of the Lord High Admiral of England was intrenched upon,' the lords summoned before them the under-sheriff [2026], who, with his counsel appearing, alleged that the vessel was by him seized on regularly accordingly to his writ and was not under the jurisdiction of the lord high admiral, upon which the lords referred the further hearing of this matter till Wednesday next for witnesses to the place where the vessel lay at the time of her seizure, and directed the writer to send him a copy of the petition and to instruct him to come then prepared to assert the jurisdiction of the lord high admiral.

2042. [p. 424.] 28 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Martin,* consul,

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[1] See note to No. 2036.

[2] See note to No. 1529.

Argeir.—The king is very well pleased with the late packet from the government of Argeir, 'as putting him in great quiet in reference to the trouble and charge which an untimely breach with that people might have occasioned' [1766]; and is in particular no less pleased with his behaviour and the method of his procuring him satisfaction. Has not failed to mention his condition both to Mr. Secretary Williamson[1] singly and his Majesty also, with the lords of the council for foreign affairs, 'and though, for reasons relating to the decency of it, I am apt to believe his Majesty will not think it fit to raise your title, that of consul being as much as his Majesty doth give in any port of the Grand Signior's but that of Constantinople, I do nevertheless find his Majesty inclined to favour you in the main point of your allowance and consideration for your expenses in his affairs.'

The king will offer an article in 'compliance with what that people seems so reasonably to insist upon of forbidding his subjects serving or sailing in any foreign ports other than as passengers, who shall bring passes from one known minister or officer of his Majesty's for their persons and necessary baggages, certifying themselves to be such and no other.' Will also take care for having it inserted in the Governor of Tangier's instructions that regard may be had to what he advises about showing all needful respect to the Algerines and their ships as often as they shall come in thither.

The king is pleased with the account he gives of the behaviour of Captain Anguish[2] towards the Sallee man-of-war, and doth not design less than 2 frigates—the Drake and a new 5th rate, the Rose[3] (until 2 new small frigates now building for that express service shall be finished)—for the annoying those of Sallee. If the business at Tripoli is accommodated [1967], and the rupture come to pass which he gives ground for expecting between Argeir and France, and what he further most welcomely adds of the hopes of our traffic being renewed with those of Alexandria, the king and the merchants will be at great ease.

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[1] See note to No. 1803.

[2] At that time commander of the Deptford ketch [1802, 1913, 1916].

[3] Built at Yarmouth by Mr. Edgar in 1674 (*supra*, vol. i. p. 276).

2043. [p. 425.] 28 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. Hill,* Marseilles.—Has received his of the 22nd, and by the hand that brought it a very acceptable packet from Argeir [2042]. Thanks for his advice touching the galley, and the hopes of her arrival at Tangier. Captain Anguish's behaviour is well taken [2042], though 'how far that will go towards the expunging the displeasure drawn on himself by his late going to Livorne' [1870], the writer cannot undertake for.

2044. [p. 426.] 28 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Booth,*[1] Pearl, Downs.—Does not think he has 'any just cause of complaint of Captain Royden's[2] taking upon him to give convoy to the ships now outwards bound, in regard that the ships he is now designed to convoy have lain long in the Downs waiting for him, and that his Majesty did not think fit to let him go with them until you came thither to relieve him'; yet care will be taken to fix the command in the Downs in some one vessel that may be constantly there.

2045. [p. 426.] 28 *Dec.* *S. P. to Sir Roger Strickland,*[3] Downs.—Is glad he gives Mr. Pickering so good a character [2028].

2046. [p. 426.] 28 *Dec.* *S. P. to Mr. St. Michel,*[4] Deal.—His last received.

2047. [p. 426.] 28 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Jenifer,* Saudados,[5] at Cowes, in the Isle of Wight.—Has received his of the 20th from Spithead, and his account of his passengers, 'with which his Majesty and his Royal Highness have given themselves a great deal of good entertainment.' Doubts not but the pleasantness of it is such to himself as will make him amends for all the trouble that accompanies it.

2048. [p. 427.] 28 *Dec.* *S. P. to Captain Wood,*[6] Bonadventure, at Portsmouth.—'I have received your letter of the 27th inst. and thank you for so much light as you have given me touching the two French men-of-war that forebore to strike to the king's flag [2033]; intending to supply[1] it if I can from Falmouth as you advise.' To hasten up his journal.

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[1] See note to No. 1077.

[2] See note to No. 1965.

[3] See note to No. 1999.

[4] MS. here 'Mr. Mitchell.' Balthazar St. Michel, Pepys's brother-in-law, who held the office of muster-master at Deal, usually signs himself 'B^t. Michel.'

[5] See note to No. 55.

[6] See note to No. 698.

2049. [p. 427.] 28 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Baker*,[2] Merlin yacht, at Portsmouth.—Will not be backward in doing him any good office, but the king has determined to lay up the Mary yacht, which for many years hath been employed on the coast of Ireland, and to bring her commander and officers into the vacancies which will be made by the removal of Captain Fasby and his officers into the new yacht.

2050. [p. 427.] 28 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Taylor*,[3] Harwich.—Thanks for his about the men detained in the yacht [2035, 2036, 2038]. The Navy yacht is now at liberty to return [2039].

2051. [p. 427.] 29 *Dec. S. P. to the Navy Board.*—To supply the Anne yacht with what she wants.

2052. [p. 428.] 31 *Dec. S. P. to Mr. Secretary Coventry.*[4]—'All that passes the hands of the lord high admiral in cases of letters of marque and reprisal is a warrant to the judge of the admiralty for his making out such letters to the party to whom the same are granted.' Encloses a copy of this warrant, wherein he will find the rules to be observed in the execution of the said letters to be given by the judge of the admiralty according to certain articles signed by the king and lodged with the judge to that purpose.

Postscript.—Has written as he commanded to the Downs about the Katherine [2053].

2053. [p. 428.] 31 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Royden.*[5]—In case a vessel called the Katherine, some time since taken by a French commission and carried into Dunkirk, from whence she is now cleared, shall not happen to come away thence under the convoy of the Pearl (which he has newly sent over thither), the next ship under his direction that is sent over is to bring her safely to the river of Thames [2052].

2054. [p. 428.] 31 *Dec. S. P. to Captain Langley.*[6]—

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[1] Here used in the sense of 'supplement.'

[2] See note to No. 1454.

[3] See note to No. 261.

[4] See note to No. 1226.

[5] Commander of the Guernsey. See note to No. 1965.

[6] See note to No. 2036.

Has obtained from the king and lords an order to the officers of the navy to make out a bill to him for his disbursements, whereof Will. Hewer[1] will give him a more particular account.

2055. [p. 428.] 31 *Dec. S. P. to Colonel Robinson*, vice-admiral of North Wales.—The lords have written to the attorney-general, as he desires, to stop proceedings in the exchequer in the business mentioned in his of the 24th, until they have had opportunity of informing themselves fully touching the same in relation to what concerns the admiral's jurisdiction therein. Desires a particular account of the affair; 'upon which it is not to be doubted but my lords will assert with all due vigour whatever of the jurisdiction of the lord high admiral shall be found interested therein.'

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[1] The 'W. Hewer' of the *Diary*, one of Pepys's clerks.

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